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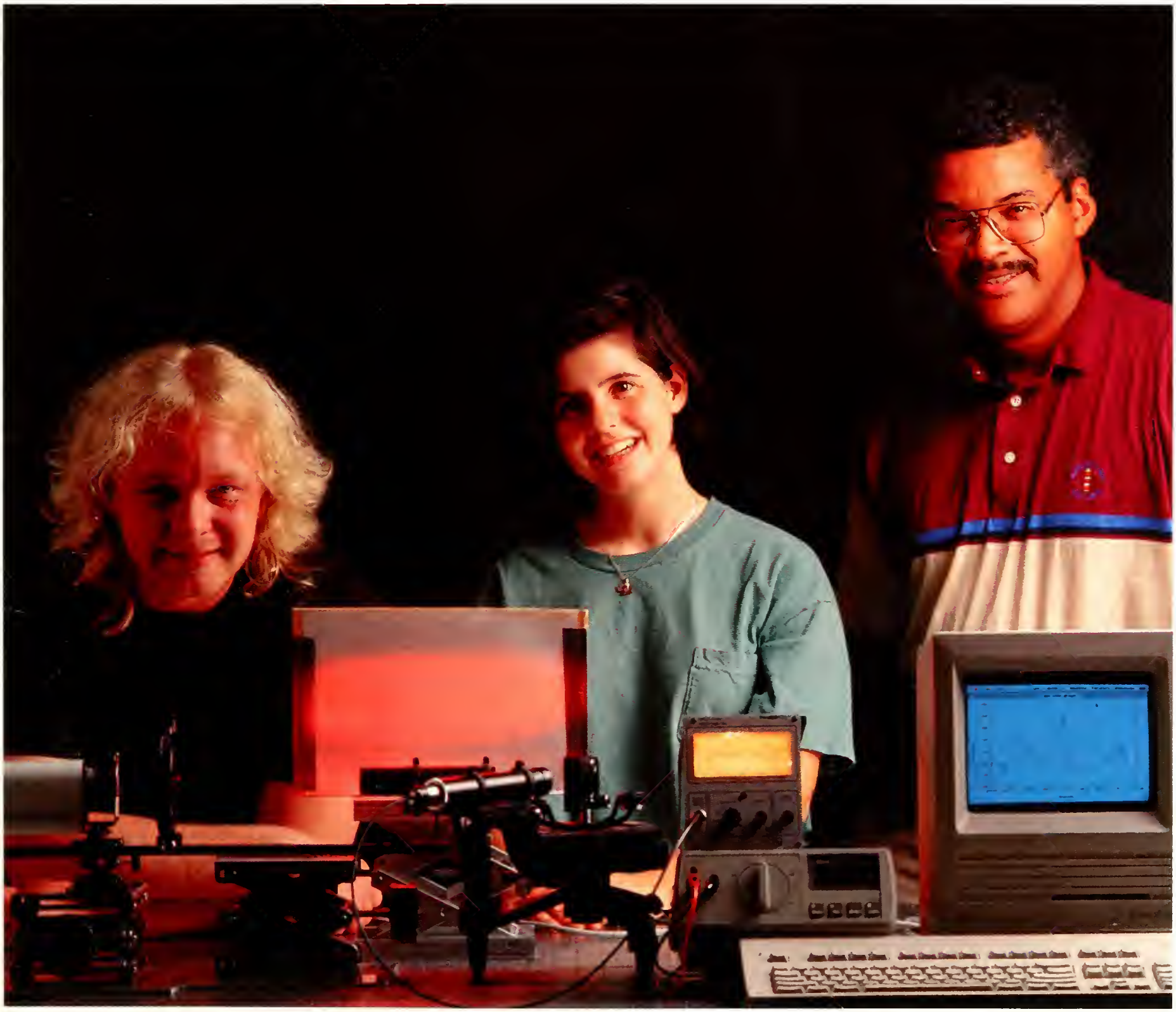

Undergraduate Research at MWC

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HOMECOMING '91

Homecoming in mid-October brought many alumni back to their alma mater for a Saturday highlighted by an Eagle Fest at Trench Hill. A soccer game in which Eagles clashed with Spartans (York College), and a rugby game that pitted MWC's Rugby Club against a team of alumni veterans (better luck next time, grads!), had the crowd cheering. Dance-for-Heart went on in Ball Circle, and the Black Alumni Reception was again held in the Campus Center.

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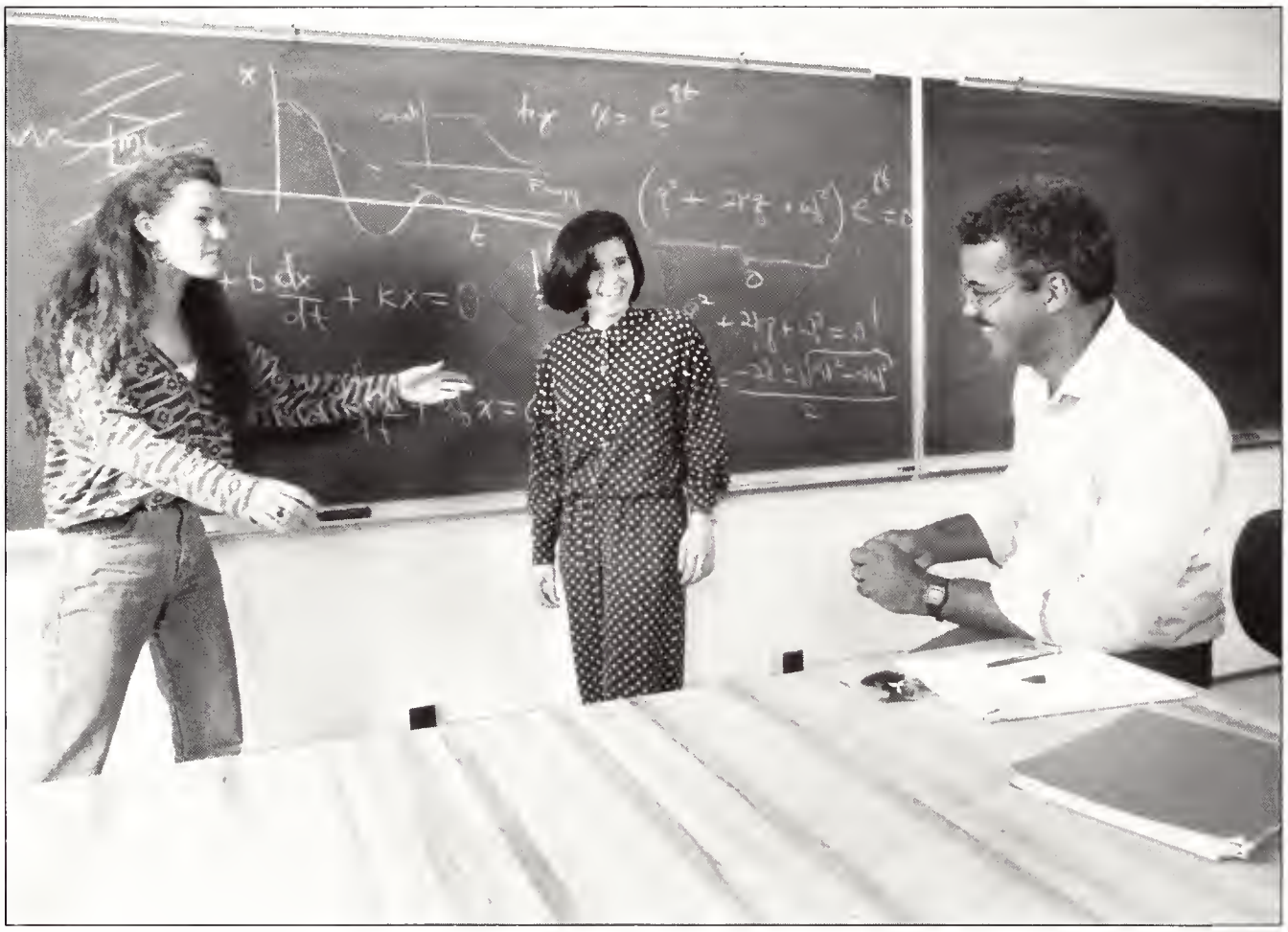
Mary Washington's Undergraduate Research Program

BY JACK BALES

"My project was a great experience, as it took my course work a step further. I developed as a person, and learned to work independently and to rely on myself, although the Psychology Department was there for me if I needed help. It's a major accomplishment that stands out on my resume."

So observed Matthew D. Boehmer '91, commenting on the psychology project that occupied much of one semester his junior year. Titled "The Effects of Media Violence as a Function of Consequences and Time Delay," his study involved the reading of over 1,000 articles and the conducting of extensive experiments as he explored the relationship between aggressive behavior and violence in the media.



Professor George King guides students Paula Gilbert (left) and Andrea Neves in their physics research.

Boehmer is just one of dozens of MWC students who have formulated, designed and prepared projects as part of the College's Undergraduate Research Program. Developed several years ago by the administration and Board of Visitors, the program provides students with opportunities to participate in faculty-sponsored research work.

During the fall, spring and summer sessions (the three cycles in which the program operates), Roy B. Weinstock, associate vice president for academic affairs and the program coordinator, requests student proposals from faculty members. Although all the faculty-sponsored proposals are not necessarily accepted, and some may not be fully funded, Weinstock tries to create "as level a playing field as possible" so that all students from all departments have the same chances. Each department is notified at the same time, there is a common deadline for proposals, and *all* projects are considered — that is, the program does not operate on a "first come, first-served" basis. Nor are there restrictions on the types of projects considered. Weinstock and Academic Dean Philip L. Hall carefully evaluate each proposal and make their decisions concerning acceptability and amount of funding. Weinstock feels that it's a very successful program.

He adds that there is a growing national awareness on college campuses regarding the significance of undergraduate research, but is quick to point out that "students have been involved with research projects for many years on this campus. However, by establishing and funding an Undergraduate Research Program, the scope, quality and quantity of research projects has increased significantly. It is very gratifying to see so many students benefiting from a program such as this. Also, those faculty who serve as sponsors in this program deserve great credit for working so diligently as mentors with students in order to give them the opportunity to engage in scholarly pursuits."

Both students and faculty seem to agree with Weinstock's assessment. Political Science Professor John M. Kramer has sponsored students in his department and contends that the program "directly serves the College's educational mission by enhancing those analytical and communication skills at the heart of a liberal arts education."

Political science major Raelenne S. Jensen has long been interested in international affairs. Therefore, she focused her research project on the anti-nuclear movement in the Ukraine and how the Chernobyl meltdown became a preeminent force in the expansion of nationalistic tendencies in the Soviet Union. She examined primary resources in several libraries, and participated in discussions at the U.S. Naval Academy Foreign Affairs Conference, held in April 1990. "The conference was a wonderful experience," Raelenne declared. "There I really learned the importance of being precise and clear. It gave me a chance to look outside MWC and learn about other students with totally different points of view."

This participation in regional, state and national conferences is an exciting sidelight of the Undergraduate Research

Program. Physics Professor George King III has taken students to 15 conferences, including some on the national level, in states as far away as California, Texas, Louisiana and Minnesota. King declares that another advantage of the program is that students "get really focused on what they want to do down the line." A number of his students are currently working on advanced degrees and have even won national fellowships. He says the students "get very excited about their research, as it takes them out of the classroom. It's not just book-learning and course work that is designed to succeed, but research that may fail. They have to build their own equipment, develop different skills, plan for something unknown, and put it all together."

King recalled that one year a student was researching the way radiation travels through rock. A tank being used in the project developed a leak, and both the student and King spent their Christmas vacations fixing the problem. In the end the student "did a fantastic job" with his experiment and came in second in a national conference.

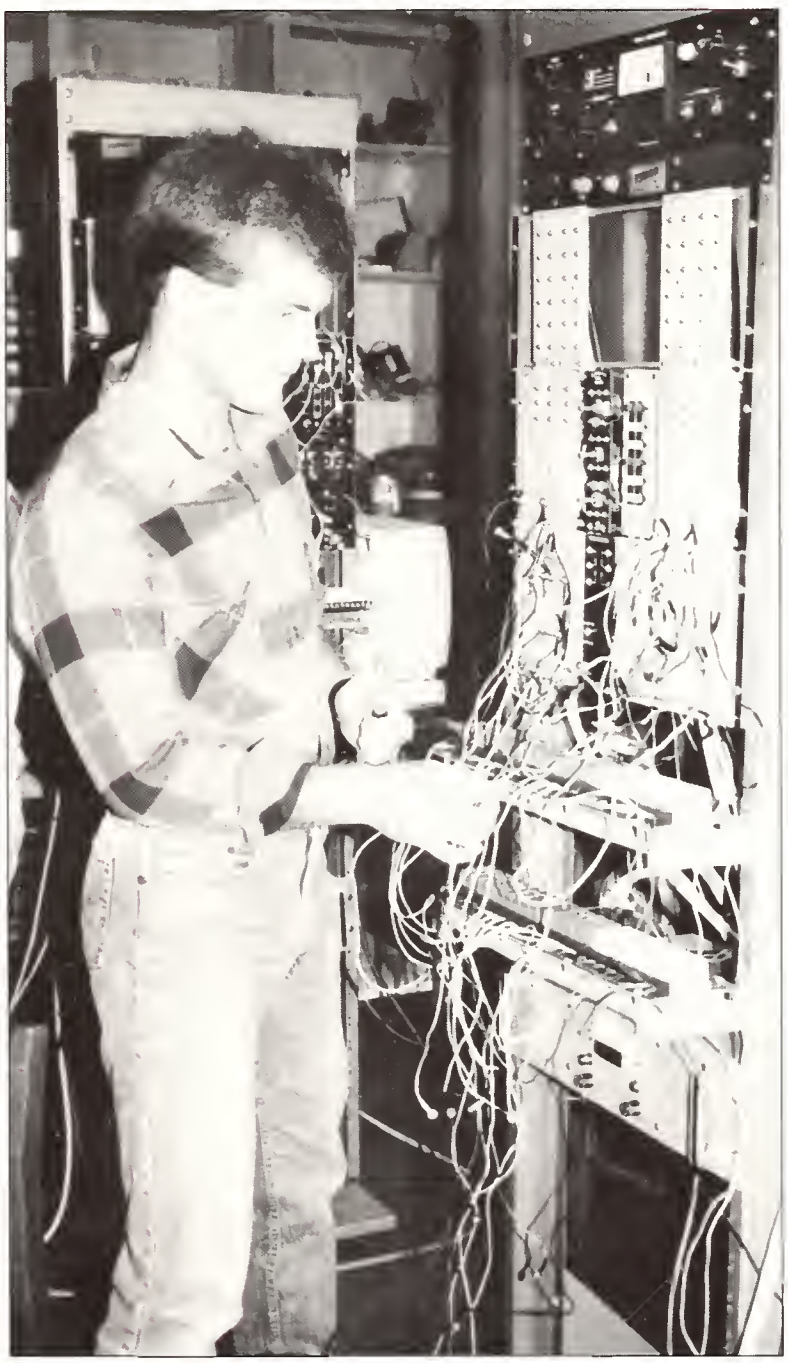
"There's no direct route to success," King concluded. "Sometimes with the projects there are problems, but we all learn, no matter what happens."

The projects can be designed by one person or by groups of students. In psychology, for example, a number of faculty members, known as team leaders, supervise research teams composed of interested students. Psychology Professor J. Christopher "Topher" Bill pointed out that students do the research and background reading, obtain or design any necessary equipment, and collect and analyze data. It all pays off, noted Bill with justifiable pride, for at annual meetings of the Southeastern Psychological Association and the Virginia Psychological Association, Mary Washington students "have won the best undergraduate award four or five times out of the last nine years."

(far left) Students in cognitive psychology laboratory conduct a computer-controlled experiment on mental imagery.

(bottom) Student researcher Jon Beam checks the computer interface to experimental apparatus.

(left) Albert Campbell and Stacey Bailey are working on a motion experiment.



DeAnna Toten and Scott Peterson, who graduated last year, made up one exceptional Mary Washington team in the Drama Department. Dramatic Arts Professor Michael Joyce spoke with pride about his students. They traveled with Joyce to the University of California at San Diego to make a videotape detailing the entire process of directing a play and the teaching of that process to beginning directors. The tape showed rehearsals with actors, the critiquing of scenes, and subsequent changes that were made.

There was much to do beforehand, explained DeAnna. "We had to pick the script, pick the scene, research the playwright, and analyze the script — that is, study the language and plot and discuss what was happening. Then we had to decide how to bring it to the stage, and make decisions about what was important for the production, such as the floor plan and blocking, that is, the movement."

As so many students and faculty have maintained, and as DeAnna confirmed, one of the principle rewards of Mary Washington's Undergraduate Research Program is that it "furthered what we did in the classroom. There were so many things we learned in class, but then we took that knowledge and put it into action. We really used the skills that Michael Joyce thinks are important, such as creative problem-solving and peer criticism. We got to put those in a different setting and see how they worked. It was very satisfying."

Part of this satisfaction, concludes Dean Hall, is that undergraduate research is a learning experience unlike that of any ordinary college course. "It is genuine exploration, full of blind alleys, unexpected twists, elation, utter discouragement, excitement and drudgery. It's the ivory tower cheek-by-jowl with the real world. And there is no better path on earth than that to genuine self-discovery."

A longtime advocate of undergraduate research, Jack Bales is reference librarian at the Simpson Library at Mary Washington. He is currently researching and writing his fourth book.

THE SPIRIT OF 1776 REVISITED

BY PAUL C. SLAYTON JR.

On July 13, 1991, I departed Fredericksburg for a summer teaching stint at another college, something I have done many times over the years. There was a bit of difference this time: The institution at which I would teach was in the new Republic of Lithuania. So, in addition to gathering my usual teaching materials, I gave myself a crash course in Lithuanian history and culture. This brief, vicarious encounter with the Lithuanians gave me a profound respect for a people who had preserved their cultural and ethnic identity against great and powerful neighbors for a millennium.

My summer sojourn began rather prosaically with a red-eye flight out of New York to Ryga, Latvia. But the notion of just another away-from-home teaching stint ended suddenly and dramatically at 4 p.m. on July 14 at the Lithuanian border station on the highway from Ryga, Latvia, to my destination. At the border I met "Rupinto Jelis" and eight young Lithuanian border guards whose heroism exceeds the bounds of human expectation.

"Rupinto Jelis" is a larger-than-life wood-carving of a sad-eyed Jesus, seated, with head-in-hand, which marks the Latvian-Lithuanian border. This "worrying Jesus" is practically the national symbol of Roman Catholic Lithuania. This and other wood carvings of religious symbols are to be found at most every crossroad in the tiny nation. "Rupinto Jelis" symbolizes the pain and suffering Lithuania has endured from oppressors for a thousand years.

The eight young border guards were working out of a trailer because the border station building was burned a week previously by the OMON, or "Black Berets," of the Soviet Interior Ministry. The young guards had been stripped, spat upon, insulted and threatened with death by the night-raiders. Yet, here I found them unarmed, but undaunted, representing before the world that Lithuania's borders would be "defended" by men whose only protection was "Rupinto Jelis." This experience at the border wrenched me from my status as just an interested visitor. Suddenly I became Lithuanian in my heart and in my soul.

The following afternoon our group of American and Canadian teachers entered

"Madonna and Child" by M. Kirlonis, a famous Lithuanian artist.

the auditorium of the Vilnius Teacher Qualification Institute to a standing ovation from over 250 Lithuanian teachers. We were lauded in prose, poetry and song. Then each of us was presented a bouquet of flowers — flowers are omnipresent in Lithuania — and draped with a sash denominating us as teaching fellows of the Institute. This ceremony confirmed my rebirth as a Lithuanian.

But soon I learned how Lithuanians have had to think. Imagine if you will that you can no longer trust anything you have been taught. And contemplate what it would be like for teachers if all materials in their classrooms and most of the books in their libraries were tainted by a foreign ideology. Unsure of the validity of your own knowledge and having only untrustworthy materials with which to work, how secure would you feel in teaching the children who are the future of your nation? This has been the reality faced by Lithuanians.

Because of this, and our feeling of oneness with these people, we North Americans worked more diligently than ever in our lives. Our mental and physical abilities were reinforced by the eagerness of our Lithuanian colleagues. They squeezed us dry during classes, and their willingness to learn kept our adrenalin pumping for informal sessions at the end of class. Then, in the evenings, the Lithuanian teachers became our mentors in national folklore, plaintive Lithuanian ballads, and folk-dancing.

In the classes we strove to help our Lithuanian colleagues review their own knowledge and to reclaim skills and concepts not tainted by Marxist ideology. By our using democratic processes and cooperative learning procedures in the classes, we sought to give them alternatives to the authoritarian teaching styles which had been standard in classrooms during the 50 years of Soviet occupation.

Helping the Lithuanian teachers to shed the bonds of communism was not a difficult task. The seeds of Marxism never took root in Lithuanian soil. The Lithuanian people maintained their individuality and protected their culture despite massive efforts by their Soviet overlords to collectivize them.

For example, I found an indicator of communism's failure on the "homestead," or private farm, where I spent my first weekend in the country. My host, Jonas, was a farmer who had spent 25 years as an agronomist on a collective farm. Two years ago he jumped at the opportunity to buy his own farm. As he explained to me, "Now I work harder than I have ever worked in my life, but it's like being on

vacation every day." Motivated farm entrepreneurs such as Jonas will make free Lithuania bloom and grow.

I spent another weekend with Rasa and Vytautas Baukuvi at their country place. This 19th century farmhouse had been Rasa's grandmother's home. Seized by the Communists upon the grandmother's death, the property was recently returned to the family by the Lithuanian government. The cottage, nestled in a forest some 60 miles from Vilnius, is straight out of "Dr. Zhivago"! This story-and-a-half structure, stoutly constructed of squared logs, is furnished with antiques. The cottage has no indoor plumbing; however, a beautiful forest lake just 150 yards down the hill made such facilities superfluous. One morning, while performing my ablutions at the lake, I discovered that I was being observed by a large sad-eyed elk. That moment was a highlight of my stay at the Aukstadvaris cottage.

Nadia Shilina, Dr. Slayton's adopted granddaughter.

Yet even more special were the friendships I made. My boon companions throughout the summer were the beautiful 9-year-old Nadia, her mother, Lara, and her father, Alexsa. I met them one morning at a bus stop when the sweet, blue-eyed, blond, pig-tailed "Nandinka" offered me her bouquet. When I stooped to accept her offering, she whispered in English, "What's your name?" The Shilinases are now my "Lietuvis" family. Nandinka calls me her "Amerikietiskas senelis" (American grandfather).

We were further bonded by shared sadness, for the first of August was a tragic day for the young nation. In the wee hours of the night, OMON gangsters raided the Byelorussian border station at Medininiki. As usual, the Lithuanians were beaten and forced to lie down; then the Black Berets added murder to their list of atrocities; each Lithuanian was shot in the head. Our visiting group spent that tragic weekend in mourning for the murdered seven with Nadia's family and 100,000 other Lithuanians at the cathedral in Vilnius.

It's hard to fathom the motivation of the Black Berets in this wanton killing.

(top) Lithuanian patriots barricaded the area around the Parliament Building with rocks in an attempt to keep Soviet tanks away.

(left) The funeral cortege on the way to the Vilnius Cathedral.

(bottom) Crowds of Lithuanian people demonstrated prior to the recognition of Lithuania's independence.

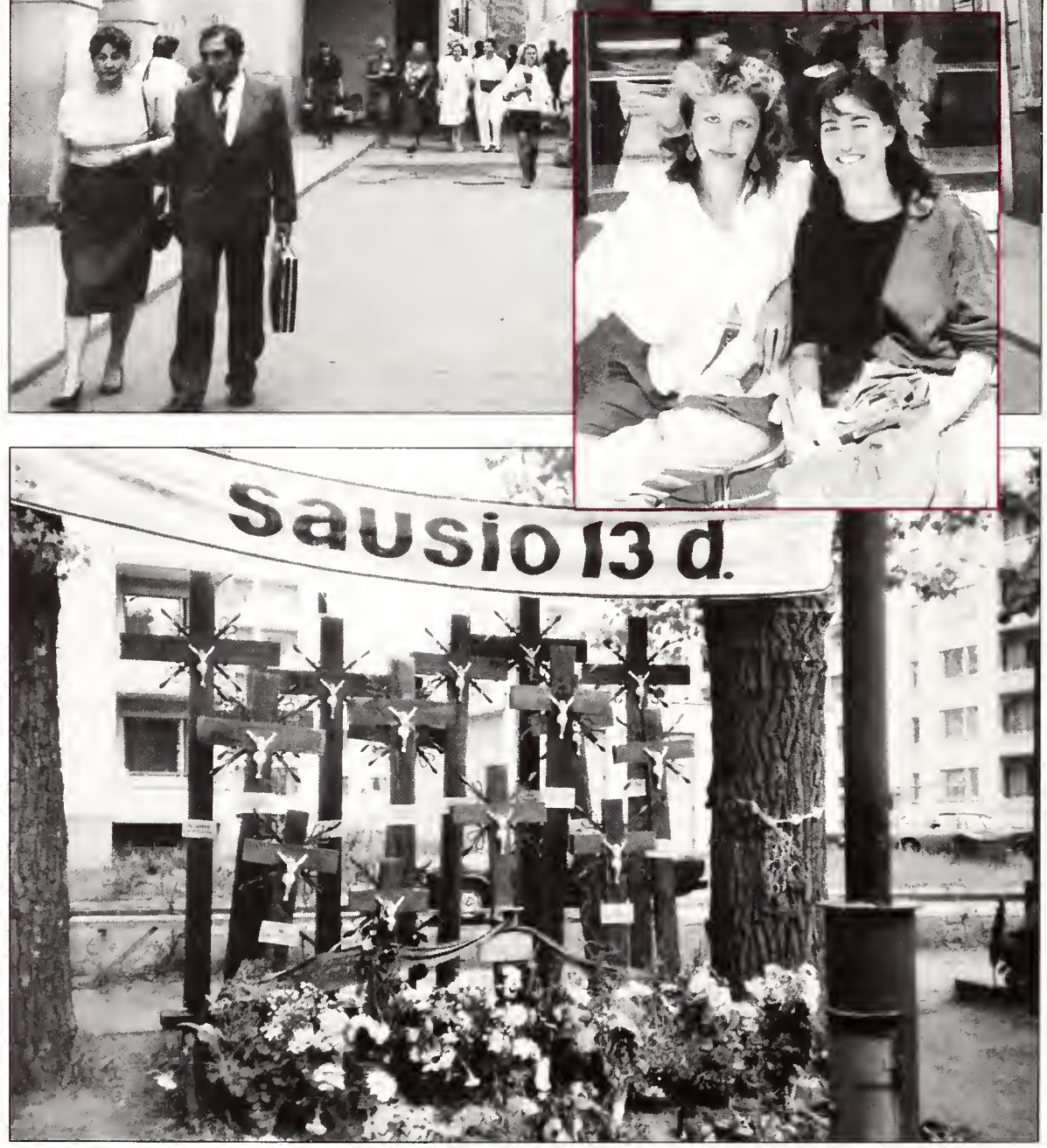
(top) The Dawn Gate Chapel entrance from the inside of the Old City.

(bottom) A memorial to the people killed at the TV tower on January 13.

(inset) Regina Zasiene, a Lithuanian teacher of English (left) with Melissa Page, a translator, at a sidewalk cafe (valgykla) in Kounas.

The result was predictable. Surely, the Lithuanians mourned their loss in calm dignity, but this despicable act served only to stiffen their resolve to maintain their independence. After the service at the cathedral, the mourning throng fell in behind the funeral cortege and marched the long mile to the national cemetery. There, seven more martyrs were laid to rest alongside the 13 who had been killed by the Soviets on January 13. At that time, thousands of Lithuanians had interposed their bodies around the Vilnius television tower in an unsuccessful attempt to prevent the Soviets with their automatic weapons and tanks from seizing the broadcasting facility.

All these events taught me so much and affected me deeply. I hope my teaching efforts were at least a token payment for what I learned from Lithuanians. I have always appreciated my freedom as an American, but never before have I so realized its true worth. The very air of Lithuania is alive with the spirit of liberty. I had the rare opportunity to breathe that air with patriots who demonstrated daily that they were willing to pay the ultimate price for that which I had taken for granted. Now, the cry, "Give me liberty, or give me death," is more than mere rhetoric, for I have seen Lithuanians by the thousands concretely assert their agreement with Patrick Henry's immortal words.



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Senior Scholars

BY JUDY CIARCIA KELLER

For some people, retirement means letting the ol' brain rest — but for the folks enrolled in Mary Washington College's Senior Scholars Program, retirement includes an enthusiastic pursuit of intellectual ideas.

Thanks to Mary Pinschmidt, professor of biological sciences, the Senior Scholars Program has been offered at the College since 1987. The group gathers weekly at the Trench Hill Alumni House for coffee and cookies and a lecture by a faculty member.

Registration costs $20 — a bargain because Simpson Library privileges are included — but the fees just barely cover the cost of offering library privileges, serving refreshments and mailing lecture lists. About 40 people are enrolled in the program, and about 20 to 25 show up weekly. The professors who give the lectures essentially volunteer their time as they receive only $50 for their efforts.

But no price tag can be put on what happens each week when the group convenes. "I love the lectures. I've been part of the program since its inception," said Ann Pratt Brown, who attends as often as she can. "I also attend Elderhostel. When you're retired, you still like to keep up with what's going on intellectually in the world."

That open and curious approach to life and learning exemplifies exactly what Dr. Pinschmidt had in mind when she began the Senior Scholars program. She had taught a seminar on aging, and impressed on her students the importance of keeping mentally active at any age — but especially as one gets older.

"If the brain is active, old age can be good," Dr. Pinschmidt explained. "Now that we live longer, it's important that people keep using their brains. You've heard it said that education is wasted on the young? Well, that's why this program is designed for an older audience — and is meant to keep them thinking."

Each year, Dr. Pinschmidt comes up with a theme. One year it was "Beauty," another, "Heroes." This year, she asked faculty members to discuss a moment in time where "Discovery" has altered the course of human history.

This year's lectures include "Relativity for the Layman," by Bulent Atalay, professor of physics; "Some Highway Discoveries Made in Virginia," by George Van Sant, distinguished professor emeritus of philosophy; and "Discovering the Spirit of Freedom in Lithuania," by Paul Slayton Jr., distinguished professor of education.

On one recent golden fall afternoon, about 25 of the Senior Scholars gathered at Trench Hill to hear Connie Smith, senior lecturer in English, discuss some of the works of author Ursula Leguin.

Senior Scholars Helen and Hugh McClafferty.

"I really enjoy coming to these lectures," said Helen McClafferty. "Everyone brings such a different perspective, and that enriches how we each live life. Our son is an English major, and we sometimes discuss what we learn in the lectures with him. It's kind of fun to have things like that to talk about."

Her husband, Hugh McClafferty, agreed. "The subjects are diverse, but not dull. And it's something different to do."

Gladys Foley called the series "stimulating," and Joan Robbins described it as "thought-provoking." Lake of the Woods residents Frank and Glendora Miller enjoy the variety of topics and like the fact that a different faculty member lectures each week.

Beverly and Bill Hollomon have been program regulars since 1987 when their neighbor Eileen Dodd, professor emerita of psychology and former chair of the College's Psychology Department, invited them to attend the first lecture. "We're interested in what people think and do," Bill said. "And besides, Eileen made it sound so interesting that we couldn't help but take the bait."

"But it *is* interesting, and that's why we keep coming," Beverly added. She is a retired teacher, and he is a former National Parks supervisor. They also attend Elderhostel when it is at MWC in May.

Dr. Pinschmidt modeled the Senior Scholars Program after the University of

Delaware's Academy of Scholars for senior citizens. With no budget and lots of enthusiasm, she proposed the program here, and started it with about 10 volunteer lecturers. She "advertised" the series by telling older people she knew and asking them to invite their interested friends.

These days, Dr. Pinschmidt still takes a personal interest in the program — she even sets up the coffee and cookies. "We used to be a small group and we'd sit in a circle, so it was cozy," Dr. Pinschmidt said. "But now we have to sit in rows because there are so many of us."

As pleased as she is that the Senior Scholars Program is popular, she doesn't want it to grow too much — yet. Trench Hill has limited space. But she does want the program to endure, and for the future she envisions classrooms and lecture halls available for all sorts of non-credit and special-interest courses offered for retired people.

Although the enrollment is at capacity for the present time, the Senior Scholars Program is filling a need for those retired area residents who want to nurture their intellectual curiosity and occasionally give the ol' brain a stretch □

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(left) Bill and Beverly Hollomon at Trench Hill.

(bottom) Senior Scholars enjoy socializing before the weekly lectures.

Soccer Siblings A "Saving" Grace...

BY JEFFREY A. POOLE '92

The goalkeepers for the Mary Washington College men's and women's soccer teams have a lot in common. Both hail from Springfield, Va. Both went to Robert E. Lee High School, enjoy volleyball in their free time and are biology majors leaning toward pre-med.

But these netminders share something even more compelling — parents. Ryan Wilvert, a sophomore, was the starting keeper for the 17-3-1 men's team, which advanced to the Eastern College Athletic Conference Tournament. Younger sister Amy, a freshman, started in goal for the 14-4-2 women's team, which was ranked eighth in the nation (in the final ISAA/Gatorade regular-season Division III poll) and first in the NCAA South Region en route to a third straight NCAA appearance. In their first seasons as starters the Wilverts posted impressive numbers, which is encouraging MWC soccer fans to almost forget two-time All-American Diane DeFalco (also a Robert E. Lee grad who compiled 28 shutshutouts in three years) and men's keepers Mark Mesterhazy and Jim Dorton (33 shutouts in three seasons), who all graduated in 1991.

In 20 games, Amy recorded seven shutouts — including two in the Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) Tournament on the way to the team title — and shared two others with junior understudy Andi Farris. She allowed just 0.90 goals per game, leading to first-team All-CAC honors. A second-team All-CAC selection, Ryan allowed just 10 goals in 21 games with nine shutouts, and shared four other goose eggs with backup Shannon Kasley. His goals-against average was a microscopic 0.49/game.

Their success came after a bit of apprehension to open the 1991 campaign. Ryan played just 25 minutes as a freshman for MWC's 13-5-2 team, while Amy was replacing Diane DeFalco, now an MWC assistant coach. Both responded to the challenge of filling important roles in established programs.

"I didn't feel pressure, but I worried a little about my team depending on me," said Amy. "And now that I'm playing in college, the games seem — and are — more important. I was somewhat nervous about the players having confidence in me after Diane graduated," she admitted, "but I feel like I've gained it as the season went along."

Junior midfielder Ashley Young, the CAC Player of the Year who paced MWC with 14 goals, believes Amy has admirably handled the pressures of being a freshman goalkeeper.

"She did an excellent job stepping into Diane's shoes, and she raised her game a level late in the season," said Young. "Our confidence in Amy grew each game, and she proved she can hold her own back there."

After winning the preseason battle for the starting nod, Ryan had realized his goals of starting for a nationally recognized program. A quiet individual, he exhibits poise on the playing field, especially evident in a 3-2 win at Christopher Newport, in which a diving save on a penalty kick helped the Eagles secure the Virginia Intercollegiate Soccer Association (VISA) Eastern Division title. Then, in the VISA title game against one of the nation's finest offensive teams, Virginia Wesleyan in November, Wilvert was outstanding, recording 11 saves in a 0-0 tie in Fredericksburg. That epic battle lasted 150 minutes...90 minutes of regulation and four 15-minute overtimes. Finally, the Marlins downed MWC, 4-2 in penalty kicks to capture the VISA crown, but Wilvert earned a great deal of respect in that season finale.

Amy Wilvert '95 and her brother, Ryan Wilvert '94.

Ryan credited the outstanding Eagle fullback quartet of sophomores John Lee and Victor Balestra and co-captains Tim Farrell and Terry Murphy with helping him gain confidence through the early portion of the season. MWC allowed just 11 goals in 21 games.

"I was concerned early in the year because I actually hadn't played much in game situations since high school," said Ryan, a 6'1", 140-pounder. "I believe I've improved because of game experience, and also because of better communication skills and decision making. I still need to improve technique in punting, goal kicks and diving."

Both head coaches were pleased with their first-year starters. "Ryan has good instincts, and he's aggressive in the air, which is very important on set pieces (free kicks toward the opposing goal)," said men's coach Roy Gordon. "He's very courageous in one-on-one situations, and has come up big for us when we've needed him to. I'm very pleased with his performance thus far."

MWC third-year women's coach Kurt Glaeser is equally supportive of Amy's efforts. "Her technique is solid, and she's fundamentally sound. She makes good decisions and doesn't panic, and has good poise for a freshman. And in a close game, she can make the difference because she is outstanding in stopping penalty kicks." (In playoff games, if a game remains tied after four 15-minute overtime periods, the outcome is decided on penalty kicks.)

While both Ryan and Amy enjoyed excellent senior seasons at Lee High School (Ryan eight shutouts, Amy 14), their paths to MWC were somewhat divergent. Ryan claims his mother chose the school for him, while Amy believes her high school coach factored more into the decision to attend Mary Washington than her brother's matriculation. Lee High School Coach Chris Godart — also the Catholic University head soccer coach — was aware of the impending graduation of DeFalco, and offered advice to Amy about the academic and athletic merits of MWC.

Though early in their college careers, the Wilverts already are helping Eagle soccer achieve lofty goals, and keeping opponents from scoring goals — a sibling sampling of things to come.

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For MWC's Athletic Future, The Ground's The Limit

BY VINCENT L. BENIGNI

Talk to any Mary Washington College varsity athletic coach, and that person will give you the same answer to the following question: "What is the trump card which eventually convinces quality athletes to choose MWC?"

The answer — the campus visit. Many prospective students are overwhelmed by the beauty of Mary Washington College...the brick walkways, stately white columns, and landscaping.

And they see firsthand that Mary Washington boasts one of the finest outdoor athletic facilities among the nation's small colleges. The Battleground Complex, located along Hanover Street just two blocks from campus, is the site for MWC baseball, field hockey, lacrosse, softball, tennis, and track and field. Visitors and fans, players and officials — all continually praise the immaculate conditions of the fields.

Ronald Sullivan keeps the infield grass manicured.

Much credit is given, and rightfully so, to the MWC administration and Athletic Department, which oversee the ongoing upkeep and management of the facilities. But the ultimate responsibility lies in the hands of three conscientious members of the Mary Washington Physical Plant staff. Randy Myers, Dutch Sheldrick and Ronald Sullivan have a combined work tenure of just 44 months at MWC. Their efforts, however, are light years ahead of most other groundskeepers at the small-college level.

Teamwork is vital in athletic success, and such is the case with groundskeeping. An example is the preparation before a baseball game. Maintaining the pitcher's mound requires an assembly line. One worker mans the hose and waters down the dirt area. Another rakes the dirt to ensure a smooth finish. The third man uses tools to tamp the dirt, which helps the pitcher's footing. This proves to be just a small part of the overall picture. Lining the basepaths, mowing grass and monitoring sprinkler systems are everyday tasks. Fixing soccer goals, sodding worn areas, repairing irrigation systems, supervising trash maintenance, spraying chemical applications to grass for insects and fungus — the work can be dirty, mundane and unheralded.

"We're pretty much on our own out there, but we enjoy our work and take great pride in it," said Myers, a former Marine Corps band officer. "We do get positive feedback from alumni, players and coaches, and that support means more than anything. It's good to know we are doing the job, considering that the three of us are responsible for nine playing fields, including intramurals."

Associate Athletic Director Roy Gordon, who has been at MWC for 15 years as head men's soccer coach, remembers

Dutch Sheldrick carefully draws the line when it comes to his profession.

the late 1970s. The grass was higher, there were homemade wooden goal posts and 50x100 yard fields (the Battleground soccer field is 75x120) and his Blue Tide players performed on the present intramural fields below Goolrick Hall.

"The work the groundskeepers do on our fields at the Battleground is consistently exceptional and has never been better," said Gordon, who has seen MWC host the NCAA Division III South Region Tournament in 1989 (men's soccer) and 1990-91 (women's soccer) with rave reviews from tournament organizers. "We certainly have one of the finest outdoor facilities in the state, and a major reason is the diligence of our workers at the Physical Plant."

A stickler for detail is Mary Washington baseball coach Tom Sheridan. He is somewhat legendary in his strict attitude about caretaking. He himself has been seen pulling weeds, raking dirt and rolling tarpaulins. But with him every step is

the grounds crew, whose scientific approach to field maintenance has made the baseball/softball complex the envy of observers throughout the country.

"I have a tremendous amount of respect for the work those guys do," said Sheridan, who is completing his fifth year at the College. "They go the extra mile to satisfy the coaches and administration. You must remember that all the coaches have different needs, different ideas. As for our field, it's always impeccable."

In addition to the stellar work of this groundskeeping trio, a number of other workers and administrators greatly contribute to the finished product. Landscape Supervisor Joni Wood is in charge of three major crews — campus, Battleground and Brompton — all of which help make Mary Washington an aesthetic wonder. In addition, other members of the Physical Plant's "campus crew" often assist in situations where special events or weather-related problems need special attention and additional manpower.

But most of the time, it's three easy-going guys in an old green pickup who answer the call. "The guys set up their daily schedules themselves, and they do an excellent job in performing their duties. They take a real personal pride in the Battleground fields, displaying technical skill and performing extensive physical labor," Wood said.

"It's definitely not a job where you get bored and watch the clock," said Myers. It is a job that takes pride and diligence, skill and patience, and it's those traits in the MWC groundskeepers that keep the grass more lush than any sod or sprinkler system money could buy.

Vincent L. Benigni is the sports information director at MWC.

(top left) David Graves maneuvers the tractor into position.

(bottom left) MWC baseball coach Tom Sheridan (foreground) rakes pitcher's mound along with Ronald Sullivan. Randy Myers (right) tamps the dirt, while Dutch Sheldrick (left) prepares to water the area with a hose.

(top right) Randy Myers patches a broken piece of the soccer netting.

(bottom right) Groundskeepers (l to r) Dutch Sheldrick, Randy Myers and Ronald Sullivan.

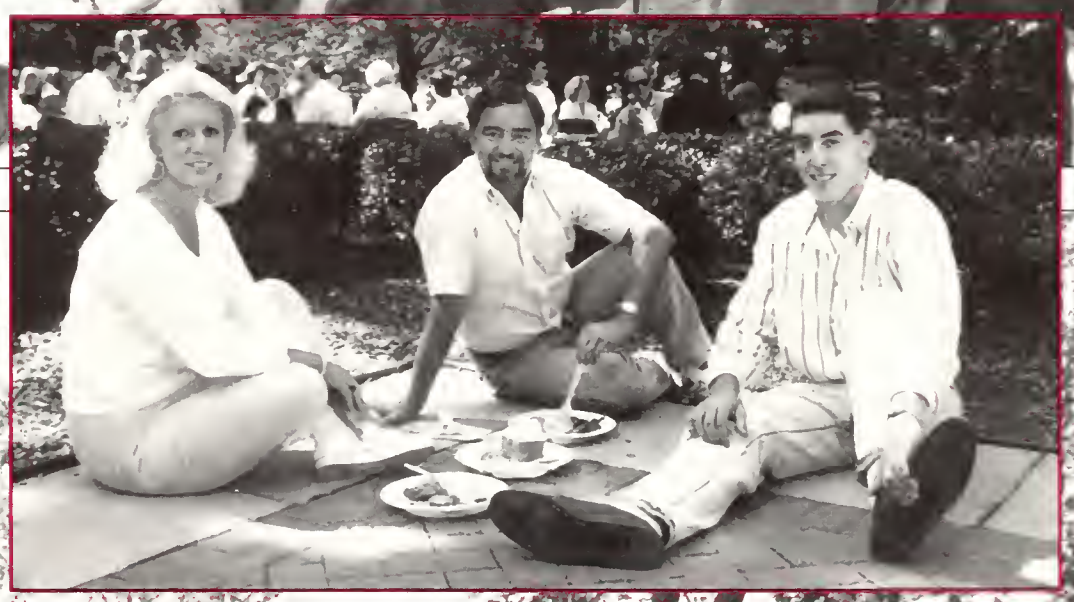
On Campus

Family Weekend '91

Autumn sunshine joined MWC students, faculty and staff in welcoming parents, brothers, sisters and other family members to a weekend that made the most of a beautiful campus.

Participants enjoyed open classes, departmental activities, sports at the Battleground, wonderful buffets prepared by ARA Food Services, and numerous other activities.

The College Relations staff coordinated the weekend in cooperation with the Mary Washington faculty.



MONEY AND *KIPLINGER'S* CHOOSE MWC

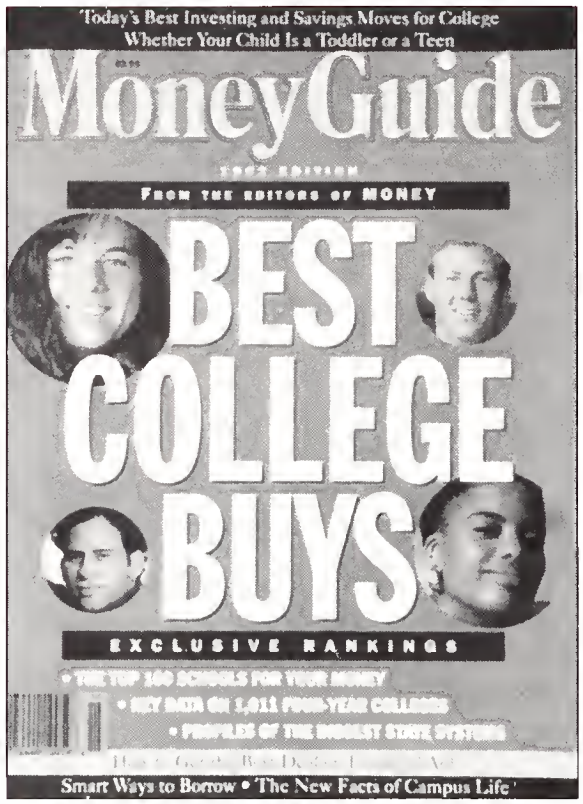
Mary Washington College has been recognized for the second consecutive year as one of the best buys in college education in *MONEY* magazine's "MONEY Guide to the Best College Buys in America." The College's position among the nation's top 100 improved five places, from its 1990 ranking of 28th, to 23rd.

"This is an important recognition," commented Dr. Martin A. Wilder Jr., vice president for admissions and financial aid, "because it increases our visibility and lets the public know that Mary Washington College is one of the best institutions in the nation in terms of both quality and value."

Seven other Virginia schools also were named to the list, including the University of Virginia (4th), James Madison University (38th), Washington and Lee University (56th), Emory & Henry College (57th), Virginia Tech (60th), the College of William and Mary (68th), and Shenandoah University (77th).

Over 1,100 four-year colleges were evaluated on the basis of annual tuition cost, quality of students, faculty and facilities. The 100 institutions named to the list include 44 public and 56 private schools. Last year's guide included the top 200 public and private institutions, while this year's list was shortened to the top 100 colleges.

Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine, formerly *Changing Times Magazine*, has listed Mary Washington as one of the 19 "Best Buys" in the nation. In the October 1991 issue of the magazine, *Kiplinger's*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Whether Your Child Is a Toddler or a Teen
MoneyGuide
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BEST COLLEGE BUYS
EXCLUSIVE RANKINGS
Smart Ways to Borrow • The New Facts of Campus Life

said it reviewed all of the nation's accredited four-year colleges and universities with 100 or more students. The winners, it stated, were those that best met these six criteria: range of appeal, student quality, retention rate, availability of on-campus housing, external reviews, and cost.

The final selection took into consideration interview and questionnaire responses, the prestige of the institution, the graduation rate, the desirability of the location and the tone of the campus environment.

MWC was also cited in a new book titled *The 1992 Guide to 101 of the Best Values in America's Colleges and Universities*. Five other Virginia colleges were included in the listing.

DECENNIAL SELF-STUDY UNDERWAY

BY RICHARD E. HANSEN

This year and next, Mary Washington will again be going through the reaccreditation process for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The College's decennial Self-Study, involving all divisions and departments of the institution, officially got underway last August. At that time, 10 "criteria" committees composed of faculty, staff, students and administrators began their examination of topics ranging from the overall mission of the College to the learning environment in the residence halls.

Currently the committees are gathering data and information that will demonstrate the College's effectiveness. In the spring, after a year of investigation and analysis, they will prepare reports for the Self-Study's directors and steering committee. In 1992-93, the directors and an editor will be compiling the overall Self-Study volume and preparing for the SACS evaluation, due in the spring of 1993.

Richard E. Hansen is a distinguished professor of English at MWC and is director of the Self-Study.

Richard Hansen in the classroom.

(photo far right) Roger J. Bourdon.

GRANTS RECEIVED TO FUND SUMMER INSTITUTES

Mary Washington College has received two grants totaling $112,298 to fund science and mathematics teacher-training summer institutes.

The Jessie Ball duPont Foundation has awarded $83,298 to the Mary Washington College Science Institute to fund a three-year program designed to assist elementary and middle school teachers in developing skills and materials to integrate science concepts and hands-on learning activities into their classes.

An additional grant of $29,000, funded through the 1991 Dwight D. Eisenhower Mathematics and Science Education Act, has been received by the College to underwrite an integrated physical sciences and mathematics institute for elementary school teachers in grades three to five. Both summer institutes will be held on the campus of Mary Washington in June and July.

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR SIMPSON AWARD

Who should be the next recipient of the Grellet C. Simpson Award? Presented annually as part of the commencement ceremony, the award honors a member of the faculty for exceptional teaching.

A selection committee convened by the dean of the College will meet in April to consider all the nominations submitted by members of the Mary Washington College community — students, faculty, alumni and friends — and its selection will be kept a closely guarded secret until the award presentation in May.

Letters of nomination should be addressed to Dr. Philip L. Hall, vice president for academic affairs and dean. All current full-time teaching faculty of Mary Washington are eligible for consideration. Letters should be specific and persuasive, describing in some detail the attributes, activities and teaching accomplishments of the nominee.

FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

Roger J. Bourdon, professor of history and director of the Computer Access Center for the Visually Impaired, attended the annual meeting of the National Audio Equipment Advisory Committee of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped in Washington, D.C. Dr. Bourdon has been appointed American Council of the Blind representative to the committee.

Meta R. Braymer, associate vice president for academic affairs and director of the Center for Graduate and Continuing Education, was the speaker at the May meeting of the Stafford Rotary. She discussed the proposed Small Business Development Center which will be housed at the College.

Bernard M. Chirico, director of the Counseling Center, delivered a talk titled "Post Traumatic Stress Disorder: It's More Than What You Think." He spoke at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Fredericksburg.

James E. Goehring, associate professor of religion, presented a paper, "Meletian Monasticism: A Challenge to Pachomian Originality," at the 11th Annual International Conference on Patristic Studies at Oxford University, England.

Roy F. Gratz, professor of chemistry, attended the Virginia Academy of Science meeting at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Blacksburg, Va. He and three of his students presented a paper, "New Monomers and Condensation Polymides Containing a Phenyltrifluoroethylidene Linkage."

Debra J. Harber, assistant dean for admissions and financial aid, attended a conference in Virginia Beach, Va., on multicultural awareness and educational funding. The conference was sponsored by the Virginia Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators.

George King III, associate professor of physics and director of the Science Institute, participated in a two-week workshop called "Teaching Introductory Physics Using Interactive Teaching Methods" at Dickinson College.

Jean E. McClellan-Holt, director of campus recreation, has been selected as an Outstanding Young Woman of America for 1991 for service to the community.

Robert L. McConnell, associate professor of geology, was awarded a $10,000 grant from the "U.S." Foundation of Petoskey, Mich., to evaluate the impact of

population increase on California's growing water shortage. He will carry out the research during his 1991 sabbatical leave.

Thomas G. Moeller, professor of psychology, delivered a talk on "Using Debates in Psychology: Some Personal Empirical Data" at the 99th annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, which was held in San Francisco.

Paul C. Muick, professor of art, visited the archaeological site of Angkor Wat in Cambodia and the principal Cham Temple sites located in the central and southern provinces of Vietnam. Dr. Muick was a member of an academic group sponsored by the U.S.-Indochina Reconciliation Project.

Denis Nissim-Sabat, professor of psychology, presented two case studies at the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association meeting. His topic was "Bridging the Gap Between Psychology and Public Policy: Views from Capitol Hill." Dr. Nissim-Sabat has also been elected by the American Psychological Association to serve as a member of its Committee on International Relations in Psychology from 1991 to 1993.

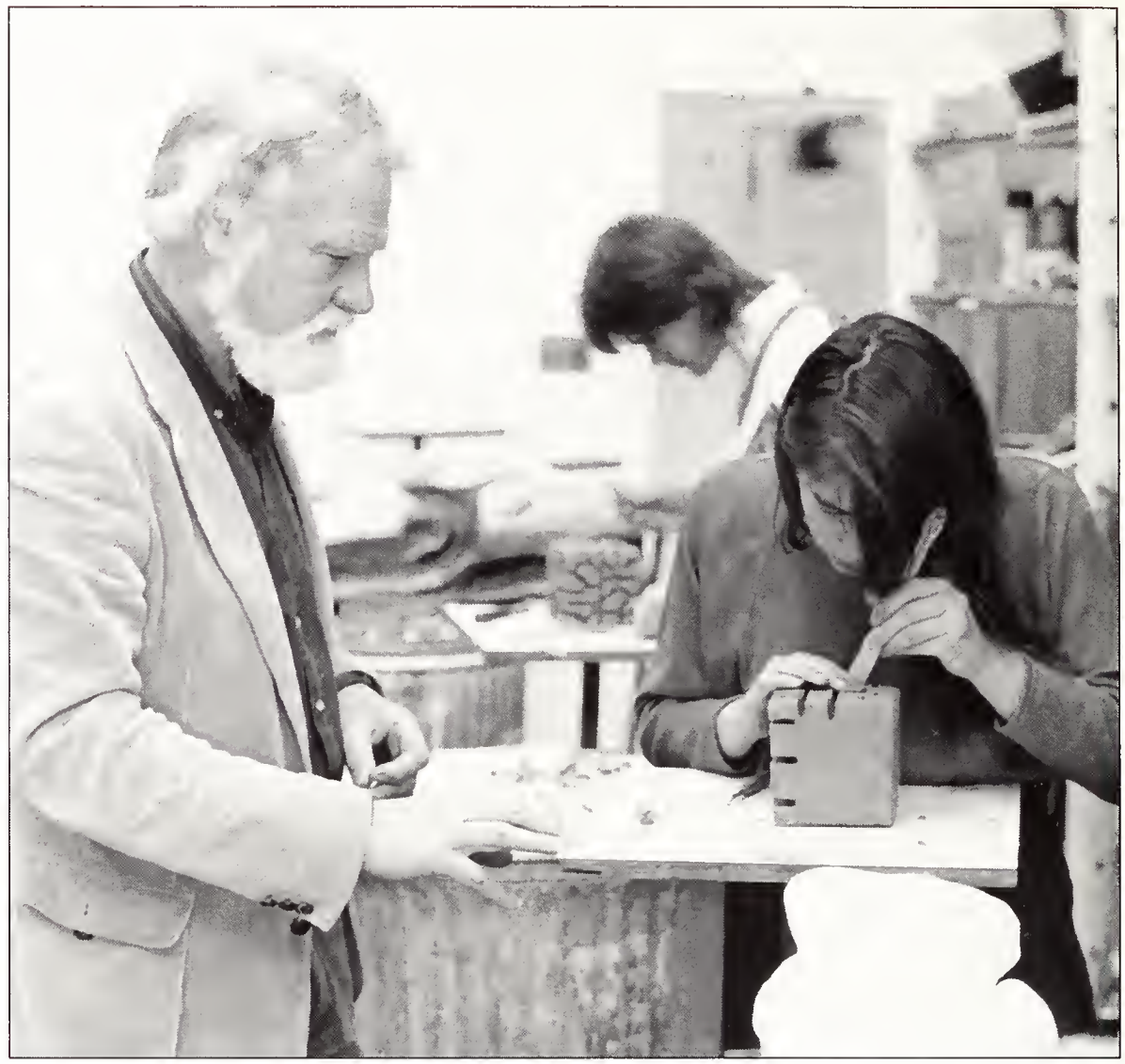
Richard P. Palmieri, professor of geography, had his paper "Tibetan Xylography and the Question of Movable Type" published in *Technology and Culture*, the journal of the Society for the History of Technology.

Aniano C. Peña, professor of modern foreign languages, presented a paper, "La mayor locura..., dejarse morir," at the First Congreso Internacional de la Asociation de Cervantistas in Almagro, Ciudad Real, Spain.

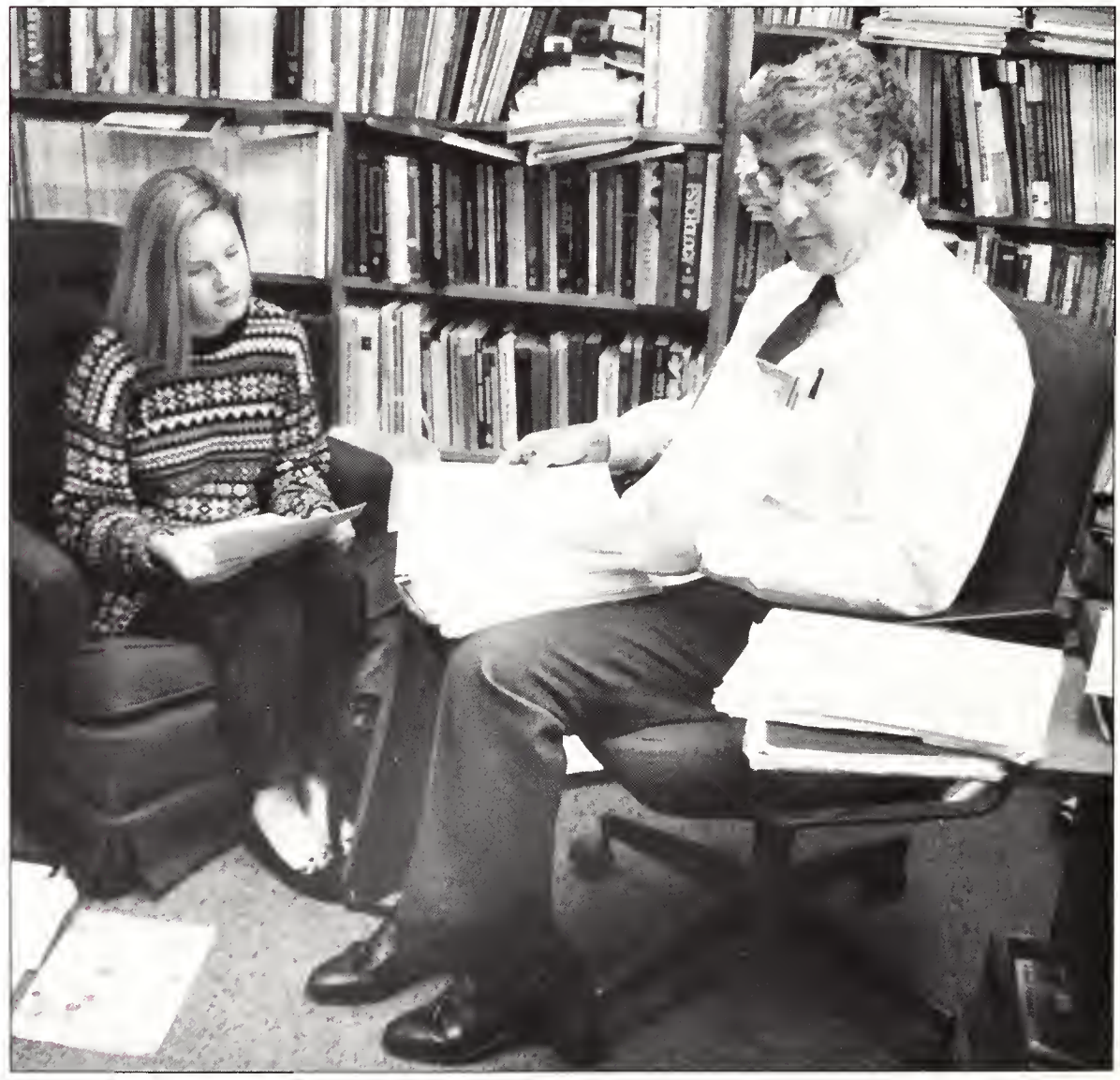
Marjorie M. Poyck, assistant vice president for audit and management analysis, has completed a three-year course of study in the College Business Management Institute, sponsored by the University of Kentucky and the Southern Association of College and University Business Officers.

Mark J. Rozell, assistant professor of political science, had an article titled "Carter Rehabilitated: What Caused the 39th President's Press Transformation?" accepted for publication in *Presidential Studies Quarterly*. Dr. Rozell presented a paper, "The Dilemma of Executive Privilege," at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association in Tampa, Fla.

Raman K. Singh, professor of English, was in Syria on a Fulbright Scholarship in the spring of 1991. While there, he had a novel, *The Gazelle,* translated in Arabic and published.



Professor Paul C. Muick and art students.



Dr. Denis Nissim-Sabat talks with Jennifer Carlson '92.

Richard J. Krickus Soviet Expert

You may have seen him on CNN; you may have heard him on National Public Radio. Maybe you watched him on "Larry King Live." If so, you know that Richard J. Krickus is a professor of political science at Mary Washington College. He's also an expert on the Soviet Union, which explains the news media's hot pursuit of him in the past year.

His reputation as one of America's leading scholars on the Soviet ethnic republics was further enhanced by his 1988 book, *The Superpowers In Crisis: Implications of Domestic Discord*, in which he predicted the disintegration of the Soviet empire. (See *Mary Washington College Today*, Winter 1988.)

His knowledge of Lithuania is also of great interest to the news media, as the American public seeks to learn more about this courageous nation. Dr. Krickus maintains that if it weren't for the bravery of the Lithuanians, standing firm for their independence at great risk, the Communist government in the Soviet Union would not have collapsed at this time.

With Mary Washington's increased emphasis on globalization, Dick Krickus and his expertise will be increasingly significant to the College's educational programs.

Dr. Krickus (left) and President Landsbergis.

In fact, Dr. Krickus was scheduled to be in Lithuania this January with Professors Paul Slayton (see article on page 4) and Gano Evans. Krickus plans a return trip (it will be his fourth — the first was as one of two American observers of the Lithuanian elections in 1990) in June, and will head a four-week program at the University of Vilnius. He will teach one seminar on Ethnic Conflict and Nationalism in the 20th Century and another on the New World Order. Three semester hours of credit will be given for each seminar. Professor Krickus has opened the trip to all members of the MWC community, including alumni.

Prospective travelers can call Dr. Krickus directly at (703) 899-4220. The deadline for signing up is February 28, 1992.

Since Professor Krickus was, in a sense, "present at the creation," when Lithuania held its first free elections, he believes the College has a very special connection to Lithuania. Krickus is shown at left with Vytautas Landsbergis, whom Krickus identifies as "the first democratically elected president in the history of the U.S.S.R."

EVENTS ON CAMPUS

July

Professor Anete R.C. de Araujo, visiting scholar at the Center for Historic Preservation, gave a slide-illustrated lecture, "Architectural Treasures of Brazil."

September

The duPont Galleries opened its 1991-92 season with two exhibitions, "Phyllis Ridderhof Martin: California Drawings" and selections from the College's Permanent Collection, 1956-1970. Carol Rand-Hudson, art historian, gave a lecture on the Permanent Collection...Artist and teacher Adele Wayman of Greensboro, N.C., showed slides and spoke on "Revising the View: Southern Women Artists"...Robert Gettlin, co-author of the recently published book *Silent Coup: The Removal of a President*, which provides new insight into the failed presidency of Richard M. Nixon, spoke at the College...The Raphael Trio, a chamber music ensemble, performed in concert.

October

Two representatives of the Soviet Peace Fund in Moscow presented a series of programs dealing with the problems in the Soviet Union..."The Hunger Puzzle: Adding the International and Macroeconomic Pieces," a live videoconference which examined how international policies affect hunger and poverty, was offered by the Center for Graduate and Continuing Education and the Community Outreach and Resources Office... "What is Graduate School, and How Do You Select One?", a live videoconference designed for those considering a graduate education and those who counsel undergraduates, featured Dr. Walter Massey, director of the National Science Foundation...The College's Department of Political Science and International Affairs sponsored a symposium, "Revolutionary Change in Post-Communist Europe"...The second annual "Dance for Heart" was held, with proceeds donated to the American Heart Association...A portion of the "NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt" was displayed for a week as part of the College's observation of AIDS Awareness Week...Internationally recognized piano soloist and Visiting Artist in Music Paul Shaw once again delighted his audience with a recital...Bill Shaefer of the SENA Foundation and MWC alumna Beatrice Von Guttenburg gave a presentation on death and dying...The College Police Office received an award for excellence through the "1991 Governor's Community Crime Prevention Recognition Program," which is presented annually by the Governor's Office to colleges, municipalities and businesses that demonstrate excellence in their overall efforts in crime prevention...The Mary Washington College-Community Orchestra presented its first concert of the season...Prize-winning poet Gibbons Ruark, professor of English at the University of Delaware, read selections from his works...Dizzy Gillespie, one of the world's best-known jazz musicians, performed in concert...The Department of Dramatic Arts and Dance opened its fall season with a comedy, "How the Other Half Loves"...Dr. Francine Marciano-Cabral of the Department of Microbiology and Immunology at the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond spoke on the topic "Studies on *Naegleria fowleri*, the causative agent of primary amoebic meningoencephalitis"...Dr. Leon Bass, whose black U.S. Army unit helped to liberate the Buchenwald concentration camp during World War II, spoke on "The Lessons of the Holocaust."

Dizzy Gillespie performed at Mary Washington in October.

Alumni News

"Connection," performed and choreographed by Kaye Weinstein.

ALUMNA FEATURED IN DANCE CONCERT

Kaye Webster Weinstein '70 was featured as the guest choreographer/dancer in the Fall Dance Concert at Mary Washington.

Currently based in Richmond, Ms. Weinstein teaches at the School of Richmond Ballet, is guest artist for the Center for the Arts in Henrico County, and is a visiting instructor at Randolph-Macon College.

She has performed extensively and has choreographed over 35 dances. Her most recent solo, "Mindscapes," which she performed at MWC, was inspired by the life and paintings of Georgia O'Keefe.

ALUMNI TOUR NATIONAL PARKS

In June, six alums embarked on a scenic tour of "America's Magnificent National Parks" offered by MWC. Trip participants included: Nettie Evans Lawrey '44 and husband Tom of Rockville, Md.; Marjorie Burgess Parce '42 and husband John of Kensington, Md.; Peggy Walton Mason '49 and husband Jerry of Bethesda, Md.; Nancy L. Nugent '51 of Alexandria; Annette Van Ingeen Dew '44 and Jean Penny Mitchell '42 of Richmond. Fellow travelers represented 11 states.

Retirement Gifts Have Special Benefits

Here's a way to give that may meet several of your needs.

Mary Brown always wanted to do something for Mary Washington. "Putting something back" in return for what she received is her way of saying "Thank you." But to give something back without jeopardizing her financial security was the real challenge. Then Mary heard about giving the unused portion of her retirement plan. There are many advantages.

If she gives it to her children, they will pay income tax on the funds. Instead she has arranged a bequest in her will for them, and made the College the last beneficiary of what may remain of her retirement plan.

In fact, donors may name the College and other charities as the first, second or last beneficiary of all or part of what remains in a retirement plan at death. This method of giving can be used with IRAs, tax-sheltered annuities, Keogh plans, self-employed plans (SEPs), 401k plans, and qualified pension and profit-sharing plans.

If a person dies prior to receiving any lifetime payments, accumulated funds go to beneficiaries. If the person dies after the retirement payments have begun, the remainder is paid to the beneficiaries.

Donors simply inform the retirement plan administrator that they want to name Mary Washington College as the beneficiary of the remaining funds in the plan. Usually, the funds will pass to the College outside of the probate process as a contractual arrangement. In some situations it may be necessary to have the spouse sign a waiver.

For a free brochure, "Hidden in Your Retirement Plans: A Giving Bonus," call or write to:

Robert F. R. Peters Jr., CFRE
Director, Special Gifts
Mary Washington College
P.O. Box 1908, College Station
Fredericksburg, VA 22402-1908
Tel. (703) 899-4555

"...And I'm Calling from Mary Washington College"

BY SUZANNE HORSLEY '93

Leftover pizza boxes and empty soda cans cover a long table in the Woodard Campus Center meeting room. Fifteen students talk on phones at once, creating a constant murmur. Students who aren't on the line applaud when they hear a cowbell ring. One girl smiles as an alumna hands her a candy bar and pats her on the back.

Twice a year the Office of Annual Giving sponsors a Phonathon to garner pledges for the Annual Fund. More than 250 students volunteer each semester to call parents, alumni and friends.

"Many look forward to a call each year to hear from a student," said Bobbie Burton, the assistant vice president for alumni programs and annual giving. "They want to hear about faculty and new buildings on campus."

Each night during the four-week Phonathon, volunteers are trained intensively in the art of calling for pledges. The students find out whom they are calling and learn information about the programs so they can answer questions on the phone.

By 7 p.m., the lines are hot. The volunteers try to call late enough in the evening to avoid the dinner hour. "We try to be accommodating about not disrupting people's lives," said Ms. Burton.

Most students call about 30 people a night, and Ms. Burton stated they may raise as much as $1500 in pledges from previous donors on an average evening. "Ours is a low-key program," said Ms. Burton. "We suggest higher gifts, but there is no arm-twisting."

The incentives for volunteers are tempting enough to attract many students to spend an hour and a half on the phone. Everyone enjoys pizza from the Eagles Nest during the training sessions. The most enthusiastic caller of the night receives gift certificates donated by local businesses and restaurants. And at the close of the evening, each participant is allowed to make one personal call to anywhere in the continental United States.

Many campus clubs volunteer as teams and compete with other teams to raise the most money or collect the highest number of pledges. The winning club gets $100. The Regional Scholars, Mortar Board, Admissions Club, Senate, Black Student Association, and Women's Rugby are a few of the loyal groups which help each year.

"It is challenging to get students to volunteer the first time," said Monecia Naggs, assistant director for alumni programs and annual giving. "But they are guaranteed the second time. They have a wonderful time once they do it. Past volunteers are the most loyal and the easiest to recruit."

The fall 1991 pledge goal was $250,000 and 4,000 pledges. "That is a little ambitious, but we can challenge alumni and friends to help us," said Mrs. Naggs in November. "Now that we are in a recession, they can see it is important to get money into the school."

Kelly Dunn '94 (left) and Sue Schurman '92 at the Phonathon.

After the fall Phonathon, the totals actually surpassed their goals with $260,234 in pledges from 3,806 donors.

Money pledged during the Phonathon is put into a variety of programs. More than half is used directly for students' needs, such as financial aid and scholarships. The remaining amount is spent on alumni programs, public relations, faculty disability insurance, non-varsity sports, vans for transporting students to cultural and educational activities, the Distinguished Visitor in Residence program, and *Mary Washington College Today.*

Depending on the size of the pledge, the donor receives membership in a gift club. The levels begin with the Dean's Circle of Recent Graduates with a $50 minimum pledge, then the Blue and White Club ($100-$249), the Associates of Marye's Heights ($250-$499), the Brompton Society ($500-$999), and the President's Council ($1000 and above).

Jennifer Williams '93, this year's student coordinator for the Phonathon, has volunteered to call for pledges ever since her freshman year. She enjoys the opportunity to speak directly to alumni on the phone.

"I try to tell them exciting things that are happening on campus," she said. "You get into interesting conversations and find out what they did when they were here."

Ms. Williams remembered one call to an excited alumna who happened to be cooking dinner. When she found out who was calling, she asked Ms. Williams to wait while she drained her spaghetti before they continued the conversation!

"It's this sort of personal contact that re-establishes ties to the College," Mrs. Naggs explained. "We certainly are not total strangers," she said, noting that they all have the school in common. "Alumni love to hear from the students." She related one story about a student calling an alumna who happened to have occupied the same dorm room the student was living in!

The Phonathon was started in the late 1970s by alumni working through their regional chapters. Since 1984, the Annual Giving Office has used the current format of student volunteers calling alumni and friends in the fall and parents in the spring.

A new feature instituted this academic year was a free message service for parents. All parents, whether or not they are able to make a pledge, can have the caller take a message and send it to their son or daughter through campus mail.

"We are promoting good will," said Mrs. Naggs. "It is important to communicate with alumni and parents in addition to raising funds for financial aid and scholarships. It's a good way to communicate."

Suzanne Horsley '93, an English major, is the student aide in the Office of Publications at MWC.

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REUNION WEEKEND '92
MAY 29-31, 1992

Friday's Traditional Brompton Welcome
Dinner at Seacobeck
Stay in Residence Halls
"Reunion College" Classes
Campus Tours
Saturday's Picnic at the Fountain and Class Pictures
Class Parties and Elections
Foundation Reception for Honored Classes
Awards Banquet
Slide Show
"Last Hurrah" Party
Sunday Service

Reunions for classes ending in "2" and "7"...spouses and friends are welcome! You don't have to be a reunioner to come back for the weekend fun!

All reunioners and Golden Club members will receive the Reunion Weekend Brochure in April. Be sure to register early!

Call and write your friends, roommates and suitemates! Plan to make this the biggest reunion your class has ever seen!

Having trouble locating a classmate? Contact the Alumni Office for assistance, and please continue to notify the Alumni Office of the whereabouts of your "lost" classmates. We want to be sure they receive the brochure, too.

Attention Non-Reunioners

If you are not a member of a reunion class but would like to receive the Reunion Weekend brochure, call us at (703) 899-4648 or return this form to:

Reunion Weekend '92
MWC Alumni Association
P.O. Box 1315, College Station
Fredericksburg, VA 22402-1315

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Address _____

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Class Year _____ Daytime phone (____)_____

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Class Notes

GOAT NOTES

1918

Louise Milbourne Clarke
3020 Kenbury Road
Richmond, VA 23235

1924

Sue Risheill Perry
227 N. Columbus St.
Alexandria, VA 22314

1934

Mary Virginia Willson
Route 2, Box 217F
Leesburg, VA 22075

1936

Ethel Nelson Wetmore
107 Manteo Ave.
Hampton, VA 23661

Louise Jennings Creamer had a wonderful visit with her 14-year-old grandson, Jonathan Creamer. He spent two weeks in July with her in Lynchburg, coming from San Francisco. He came alone, and his plane was late getting to Washington, D.C. He missed his connection, and was sent down by taxi from Dulles Airport. Louise and Jonathan went to Monticello, Poplar Forest (Jefferson's summer home), Red Hill (Patrick Henry's home), Appomattox, up and down the Blue Ridge Parkway, and other historical places in or near Lynchburg. "Needless to say, we had a great visit," wrote Louise.

In the "Senior Times," a Peninsula newsmonthly for active older adults, there are two large pictures of Barclay Sheaks, husband of **Edna Daniel Sheaks**. He is a nationally known artist and has been artist-in-residence at Virginia Wesleyan College for the past 20 years. His works are found on the walls of museums and galleries all over the country, and are on display as far away as New Zealand. He is the author of six books on art. He particularly enjoys teaching young artists. In 1985 he was the host for the nationally syndicated television series called "Acrylic Painting with Barclay Sheaks." It was shown on the Public Broadcasting System.

At our 40th reunion in 1976, we started collecting funds for a Barclay Sheaks painting as our gift to the College. "Summer Afternoon" was presented at Homecoming in 1977. It depicts a lady gathering Queen Anne's Lace, with a forest in the background. Barclay and Edna were both present.

1938

Helen Pressley Voris
6086 Old Lawyers Hill Road
Elk Ridge, MD 21227

1940

Mabel Layman Behrens
Box 117
Dabneys, VA 23042

1942

Virginia Key Goolsby (Mrs. Morriss)
27 Carolyn Drive
Newport News, VA 23606

Anne Givler Lindsay and **Gwendolyn Miller Reams**, co-chairmen of our 50th reunion, have had several planning sessions for the celebration. Everyone is asked to contact classmates and friends in hopes our reunion will be special for everyone. We are grateful for the help of Rob Peters from the College Relations staff. Thank you for your personal, valuable contributions concerning you and yours for the reunion booklet.

1991 was such a full and happy year for **Anne Givler Lindsay**. She's grateful for good health. She and her husband, Doug, enjoyed a cruise in April through the Panama Canal, stopping in Costa Rica and Mexico to visit the Mayan pyramids. In July, they went to Wisconsin to celebrate the Lindsay family reunion, which occurs every 25 years and was at their lakefront home. There were 390 people from around the world in attendance, and their own immediate family of 20 enjoyed a great get-together.

Violet Abrams Koch and her husband, Irving, have two sons. Irving has a law degree and is northeastern regional supervisor for J & B Management. Violet continues her job as a home economics teacher. She served as membership chairwoman for a local Republican club and as president of the Levittown Optimist Club. Violet also raises funds for the elderly.

Barbara Apple Janes is a widow with three sons and three grandchildren. Barbara is secretary at the Dodge-Newark Supply Company and is active in PTA, women's club and First Presbyterian Church. She is interested in bowling, sailing, knitting and sewing.

Anne Beal Gray is active with community and professional activities, also serving as a deacon of the Presbyterian church, is treasurer/secretary of the local PTA, and is very involved with Girl Scouts. Her husband, John, is retired from Westinghouse as the western regional manager. They have three daughters, and Anne enjoys golf, bridge, reading and handiwork.

Virginia Bennett Skillman has four sons and one granddaughter. Ginger remains busy with her painting and with drama groups.

Rebecca Buckingham Straw retired after having taught second grade for 26 years. She has two daughters, two sons, and two granddaughters who keep her busy. She also does volunteer work at the local hospital, public library and public school. She enjoys swimming, walking, needlework, reading and traveling.

Elizabeth Collins Burke and her husband, Hugh, have two daughters, two sons, and eight grandchildren. Hugh is the retired postmaster of Vienna, and Elizabeth retired as an elementary school principal. Elizabeth received her M.Ed. at American University in 1964. She enjoys a book club, library volunteer work, Eastern Star, Lady Lions of Mt. Jackson, being an officer of Mt. Jackson Garden Club, auctions, antiquing, and local history. Elizabeth and Catherine Onesty published a book in July 1980 titled *Vienna Remembered.*

Mary Louise Early Esche has two sons and a daughter from her first marriage to George W. Hannaman, who died in 1970. She also has five grandchildren. Mary Louise has been treasurer and recording secretary of P.E.O., active in women's club, bridge clubs, and continues to do oil painting and sewing. She also helps her husband, Richard, with woodworking and gardening, and spends time traveling across the USA to visit her children and grandchildren.

Mary Frances Hiehle Parker and her late husband, John, have three children and two grandchildren. She retired from Kiplinger Washington Editors in Hyattsville, Md., in 1981 and moved to Jacksonville, Fla.

Marjorie Horner Webber and her husband, Robert, have three children and one granddaughter. Marjorie is an elementary school principal at Broaddus Wood School in Albemarle County. She has been a Girl Scout troop leader since 1939 and is a former day camp director. She's also a music director, Sunday School teacher, and a member of the Homemakers Club. She likes crafts, hiking and music. The Arlington (Va.) Girl Scout Council awarded her a Girl Scouting Thanks Badge and the Virginia Skyline Council awarded her a Thanks Badge miniature pin.

Katherine Jamison Wilshin and her husband, Francis, have one daughter, Julie W. Harris, who lives in Fredericksburg with her husband, John, who is a lawyer. John's mother is Ruby Harris, a former MWC professor and former dean of women. Katherine has a granddaughter, Elizabeth Katherine. Francis retired from the National Park Service and stays busy gardening. Katherine continues to enjoy cooking and adores cats.

June Jeffries Massey has four children and four grandchildren. Her husband, John, was treasurer of Spotsylvania County prior to his death. June retired in 1985 after 22 years with the Spotsylvania Department of Social Services. She serves as memorial chairman of the cancer fund, belongs to garden clubs, and enjoys knitting, flower arranging, travel

and bird watching. Their daughter, **Virginia**, has taken courses at MWC, as did their daughter-in-law, **Hannah Tow Massey** '83.

Dorothy Lambert Sargent and her husband, John, have four children: **Linda** '69 is a medical technologist; Brenda is a mathematics teacher; LaDonna and John, Jr. are U.Va. graduates. There are two grandchildren. John has retired as a colonel in the Army reserves and is a supervisory engineer for MERADCOM, Ft. Belvoir. Dot continues to be busy as a housewife.

Marjorie Leap Kennedy and her husband, Ed, have three children, all graduates of the University of Delaware. Ed owns Ken-Del Productions, Inc., a film and recording studio. Marjorie works as an accountant and treasurer for Metl-Pres in Wilmington.

Elizabeth "Boots" Lewis Broughton and her husband, Henry, have two sons. Boots received a master's in counselor education in 1973 from U.Va. In 1982, she was a guidance counselor with Fauquier County Schools in Warrenton. She is a member of NEA, Apple Valley Counselors, and the Virginia Personnel and Guidance Association. Her civic activities include Good Shepherd Lutheran Altar Guild, Lay Lector, Shenandoah Dance Club secretary, and Front Royal Country Club, as well as bridge clubs. Boots also finds time for oil painting, golf and dancing.

Margaret A. Porch was an assistant athletic director in Fairfax County from 1942-78. She received an M.P.H. degree in physical education and health from the University of Florida in 1961. Margaret was chairman of the D.C. Board of Officials from 1942-60. She has taken many courses in recreation and health since her MWC days. Her hobbies include gardening and photography.

Hazel Reichle Whitaker has four daughters. Her husband, Jack, was a pilot in the U.S. Army and died in 1963. Hazel retired as a clerk stenographer with the U.S. Naval Shipyard in 1952. She is busy with church work, PTA, scouts, and volunteer work with civic organizations. Hazel taught arts and crafts with the USO during WWII. Her hobbies include art, languages, crafts, leader training and drafting.

Patricia Sage Schreier and her husband, Ernie, have two children and two grandchildren. Pat continues to help out as the office manager at her son's factory. Ernie is a graduate of the University of Connecticut and of Rutgers Graduate School. He retired as head of a bank's trust department where he was senior vice president and senior trust officer.

Mary Waugh Bradley and her husband, John, have three children. Their daughter, **Mary Bradley MacPherson** '71, attended MWC. Mary's sister, **Letty Waugh Dudley**, also attended MWC. John is a retired attorney, collects rocks and makes them into jewelry. Mary retired in 1983 as secretary to the president of the Group 4 Advertising, Inc. She has been active in the Junior League of Cincinnati and Tarrytown, has done volunteer work with Nyack (N.Y.) Hospital, and has been in the Garden Club of Nyack. Mary enjoys needlework, antiques and gardening.

Susan Johnson Burr and her husband, Robert, have three children and seven grandchildren. Robert is assistant secretary and credit manager of American Cast Iron & Pipe Company. Susan taught grammar school from 1942-44, and college from 1944-46. They received the First Methodist Family of the Year Award in 1963. Susan enjoys tennis and ballroom dancing.

Janet Pearson King is very active in community activities. Her husband is retired from the Fredericksburg Savings and Loan. Janet is a housewife and enjoys her grandchildren.

While **Margaret Marshall Heimbach** was recovering from a broken heel, she organized her picture collection. She even sent me one from the 1940s for my girls. My husband and I agree that time has changed all of us. I'm pleased to report that we'll have name tags for our reunion, so we can find one another after such changes!

1944

Jean Adie Mogavero (Mrs. N.S.)
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Received a call from **Hazel "Tommy" Strong Morris**, who also called **Marilynn Price Heady**. As a result, we met at a restaurant for a delightful luncheon. Both of them will be going to Florida during the winter. We did a lot of reminiscing and girl talk. Hope we can do it again next year when they will be back in the area.

My roommate, **Anne Benner Gee**, wrote that she has retired from teaching and can now spend a lot more time with her family. She managed to get back to her home in Warrenton, Va., for a visit with her dad.

My husband and I traveled to Scotland with a Masonic group. We started in Glasgow, went to Edinburgh, Aberdeen, Inverness, Isle of Skye and back to Glasgow. No, we didn't see the Loch Ness monster!

Have gotten several letters from **Fran Tracy**, who tells of her work and very interesting experiences in Guyana.

Don't forget to send me your news — weddings, babies, vacations — we love to hear from you.

1946

Elizabeth Stallings Sharpe (Mrs. Coy E.)
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Special thanks to **Miriam Riggs Gay** for serving as our class agent the past five years and doing such a great job writing our class news and keeping in touch with so many of our classmates. I look forward to being your new class agent and, hopefully, receiving many annual letters. Since I live so far from most of you, I will have to depend on you to keep me posted on your activities, any mini-reunions you attend or special newspaper columns you see. If you did not write to me at Christmas, please try to send a note by April so that I receive it before my next deadline.

It has been many years — maybe 45 — since I have seen **Betsy Hilldrup Morris**, but I have talked to her several times on the phone, and I look forward to her notes each Christmas. For several years now, Betsy has been confined to a wheelchair and seldom leaves her home. I am sure she would enjoy receiving a card or call from her classmates. Her address is: 809 Beverley Drive, Alexandria, VA 22303 and her phone is (703) 836-0979. Betsy's husband, Thomas, is an assistant bank manager, and they have two sons, Tommy and Towles. **Anne Wood Hilldrup**, who is married to Betsy's brother, Gordon, lives in Spotsylvania, Va., and they have two sons, Ned and Jimmy. Both boys attended the University of Richmond, are married and have built homes in the same area.

Clara "Betty" Walsh '45, who started with our class, had hoped to attend our reunion, but her new home was completed, and she was scheduled to move that week. Betty retired in 1989 as a hospital dietician in Greenville, Miss., and last year decided to build and live near her brother, Roy, and his family. She now lives in Fripp Island, S.C.

Even though many of you could not return for our 45th reunion, we appreciated your taking the time to complete the questionnaire mailed from the Alumni Office as this gave us news for our 1991 reunion booklet. **Frances Adair Edmondson** and her husband, William, settled in Harrisonburg after he retired from the Air Force. She recently retired as a co-director of a sheltered workshop. They have three sons and four grandchildren.

Elaine Babcock was at MWC our freshman year and then transferred to Wellesley. She runs her own business, Babcock Communications.

Beverley Beadles Jackson retired from the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services in June 1988. She worked in seed testing and analysis for 42 years. Sons Jay and John graduated from U.Va., and both are married. Jay and his wife have one son, Thomas.

Marilyn "Lynn" Bennett Blackwell and husband Guy are retired. They have son Guy III, daughter Lisa and a 14-year-old grandson. Lynn has muscular dystrophy which began at age 55, and she can't walk very well. It was so good to see her. She came with **Elaine "Sally" Heritage Jordan** to our reunion. Sally retired in 1986 after teaching and coaching for 27 years. She and her husband, Leroy, raised three children — Robert, Elaine and Jay (deceased) — and have four grandchildren who live on the same block.

Carolyn Ford Duncan has retired. Granddaughter **Heidi Zirkle** is a sophomore at MWC. Carolyn's hobbies are flower gardening, sewing and traveling.

Mary Janes Ahern retired in 1988 from the Baltimore Public Schools after 30 years, and began teaching at the Catholic high school, where she is now chairman of the Science Department. She has a daughter, **Juanita Fisher Parry**, who attended MWC 1965-67.

Ruth Boyer Rinker, a widow, has two sons, Randy and Dudley. Although Ruth retired in June 1985 after teaching in the Frederick County school system, Winchester, Va., for 30 years, she continues as president and treasurer of Rinker Orchards, Inc.

Thanks to **Ann Briesmaster Robertson**, I had an enjoyable trip when I returned for our reunion. She met me at the airport when I flew into Richmond from Oklahoma, did all

the driving and even brought an electric fan for us to use in Westmoreland Hall during the heat wave. While visiting with Ann for two days before returning home, I saw her three daughters, Ann Marie, Muriel and Carole, as well as her four grandchildren.

May the new year bring you joyful hours, pleasant memories, thoughts of friends, and much happiness.

1948

Angela Grizzard Wyche
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Here I am again. Another deadline has arrived, and no news from my classmates, other than roommates. I spent a weekend in Goochland County, Va., with **Martha Duval Bolling** and husband Chester. The local historical society sponsored a tour of some old homes in the area. Martha also lives in a beautiful 1760 vintage home that she and her husband have restored since their retirement. Their home was not on the circuit this year, but in the past the Smithsonian has sent several groups to tour their home, Bolling Hall. The same weekend Martha's son, Alex, left for Chad, Africa, where he will work as the third secretary, economic section of the U.S. Embassy. Another roommate, **Joyce Wrenn Warren,** and husband Thornie joined us for the day.

My roommate, **Mary Blanche "Jo" Webb Worrell**, who lives in Las Vegas, wrote that she broke her wrist in March while backpedaling for an overhead on the tennis court. She plays in two leagues. She said the two big O's got her. If you want to know what they are, write me and I'll answer. What prompted Jo to write was seeing Bruce Hornsby, **Lois Saunier Hornsby**'s son, on the "Today Show" the week before.

Last weekend I glimpsed **Justine Edwards Borland** browsing at an antique show at the Pavilion in Virginia Beach. I did not have time to chat, but, for the record, she looked young and trim!

I recently ran into **Mary Caudill Lewis Johns** who lives in Emporia, Va. Her husband is a Baptist minister, and she teaches the learning disabled there.

In June our daughter, **Kitty** '72, and Karl Pelkan were married in Napa Valley, Calif. They will live in Seattle, Wash. **Mary Blanche** and her husband, Bill, attended the wedding.

In September I talked to roommate **Nancy Leary**. She has moved from Arlington to Chantilly, Va., to be nearer her 97-year-old mother. She is looking forward to our MWC reunion in '93.

You must be tired of hearing about my roommates and me, so please send me accounts of your whereabouts and activities — if not yours, those of other classmates you contact, so the Class of '48 can always have a few paragraphs in each issue of *MWC Today.*

1950

Dorothy Held Gawley
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There's never much news for this column written at the end of summer, but I do have a few mini-reunions to report. In May there was another West Coast gathering of **Mary Cottingham Hardy**, **Liz Garey Parode**, **D.G. Pate Wilson** and **Nat Wilton**. Liz stayed one night with Mary in San Pedro, Calif., while visiting her daughter in Lakewood. Soon after, Liz was taking off for a couple of weeks to Zermatt, Switzerland, where she goes almost annually — thanks to daughter Vicki's job as a flight attendant. Nat was staying a week in Upland, Calif., with D.G. They all had a fun-filled luncheon in Anaheim.

Rachel Nickey Morgenthaler wrote of her get-together with **Betty Gavett Breeden** and Joe, and said they had a good "catch-up" time. They've known each other since grade school. Later in the summer, **Barbara Lloyd Hiller** and Jim were in Harrisburg for Rachel and Lloydie's high school reunion.

After surviving Hurricane Bob on Cape Cod, Irv and I were happy to have **Shirley Cole Schleter** and John stop in on their way back from a trip to N.H. They stayed with us awhile, and we all got together with **Mim Sollows Wieland** and Earl a few times for an interesting reunion before returning to our winter homes in N.C. and N.J.

Was sorry to hear of the death of **Martha "Sudi" Smith Granum**. Just a brief notification from the Alumni Office was all I received. Our sympathy is sent to her family.

1952

Ann Gaines Louisell
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Start thinking reunion! Reserve May 29-31, 1992, to celebrate our 40 years! **Doris Steele Lequin**, **Joyce Long Moore** and I attended a reunion planning session at MWC in August. If, like me, you have not been to a recent reunion, you will see all sorts of new things! The Reunion College offerings sound so special that it will be difficult to decide which to choose! In addition, there will be the annual garden party at Brompton, dinners, tours and more. Class pictures, class parties and yet some time to just enjoy seeing old friends. Fourteen classmates gathered at our most recent get-together. We met at the home of **Nancy Parker Crocker**'s daughter at Kingsmill on the James. Non-stop conversation was followed by lunch at the Williamsburg Inn. It was a wonderful day! As we say here in the Bay area — "Fair winds!"

Now, forgive me for sounding like a Dutch uncle, but it is difficult to believe that our class is illiterate, given the excellent education that we received at MWC! Send some news!

1954

Vera Bestwick Willis
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1956

Louise W. Robertson-Monroe
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This has been a very exciting year for many of our class. There were 14 of us who returned for our 35th class reunion, along with two husbands, who took pictures and had as much fun as we did.

Jean Ahern Weiss and husband Bob live in La Mesa, Calif. Her daughters, Jessica and Hillary, also live in California. **Beverly Almond Tucker**, who earned her undergraduate degree in psychology, says she is retired and loving it. She and her husband, Nelson, have two daughters, Elaine, 27, and Jacqueline, 24.

Allene Atkinson Hull writes that she and her husband, Bill, have reared five children, and she now enjoys gardening and tennis.

Suzanne Borke Grasberger relates that she and Tom have four grown children, two sons and two daughters. The older son, Tom, was in Saudi Arabia on the Iraq border when Kristen, the first grandchild, was born. Husband Tom is with a company that administers self-insurance for municipalities. Son Steve will be married in October. Suzanne has had a recent bout with breast cancer, but is busy with many projects and volunteer work.

Aldeen Burton Markle told us that she spent 30 years in the Virginia public school system as an educator, and later as an adjunct professor for George Mason University. Her second career is professor of education at Marymount University in Arlington. She was a recent delegate to the Governor's Conference on Libraries and Information Services. "Deen's" interests include children's literature, storytelling, her husband, Herbert, and daughter Leah, 27.

Ann Campbell-Lord has been overseas for the past 30 years — 10 in the Far East and Panama working for the government, 20 in Amsterdam with a British husband and running a translation and editorial service. She is still in touch with **Irene Okeeffe Owens** and **Diane Neumyer Munter**.

Susan Canter is deputy district attorney for environmental crime for Los Angeles County. She and her husband, the retired Judge Earl F. Riley, split their time between Los Angeles and Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, and she practices law at both locations.

Emilie Carlin Swartz, whose husband, Robert, died in 1987, is busy as a caterer. She is mother of four, ages 15-21, and has one grandchild. Daughter Lynn recently graduated from El Paso Community College as a paraprofessional for the hearing-impaired and son Sam is majoring in music education at East Texas State University.

Carol Carter retired in 1987 from Wake County, N.C., public school system after 30 years of teaching. In 1968, she was honored as Raleigh's Teacher of the Year. Carol enjoys knitting, gardening and assisting her church.

Ann Chilton Power, who is a librarian at Highland School in Warrenton, Va., writes for the *Fauquier-Times Democrat*, and lives on the family farm in Culpeper County, caring for her parents. Her children are Ted, 33, a sports writer in Nashville, Tenn.; Tom, who is an attorney in Washington, D.C.; and Stephen, 18, a U.Va. freshman. This summer he was a journalist for NHK Japanese Broadcasting covering the White House and State Department. Your class agent and Ann have known each other since the ripe old age of 6.

Charlotte Corner Rice is a member of the Pittsburgh Council for International

Visitors and owns a bed and breakfast in the Pittsburgh area. She and Sam have six children. In return for hosting exchange students, their children have lived in Japan, Germany and Sweden. Charlotte and Sam love to travel, collect antique Mercedes cars and visit their seven grandchildren in Chicago and Pittsburgh. Charlotte has been taking summer courses in the British Art Center at Yale.

Connie Crigler, who keeps us all together, is a real estate broker specializing in investment properties. Except for a two-year service with the American Embassy in London, she has lived in the Northern Virginia area since graduation. In 1975, she formed Crigler Realty Corporation, and added a commercial loan company, Loan Sources, Inc., in 1990.

Elizabeth Davies Morie added a lot to our reunion — she has been school superintendent (bravo!) of Lexington City Schools for six years, and is one of two women on the Board of Visitors at the University of Virginia. Betty's doctorate in education administration is from U.Va. Her son, Paul, 29, has two children, and Beth, 27, is a career woman in Richmond.

Patricia Dent Baynes is a library clerk for the Interpark branch of the Richmond Public Library. She has three children — Shannon, 26, Jamie, 21, and Megan, 19. Pat is learning to live with multiple sclerosis, and we send our very best wishes to a courageous woman.

Mary Louise Fiala Crocker attended MWC for two years, then graduated from Iowa State University. Her three children — Stephen, 31, Helen, 30, and Elizabeth, 27, have produced nine grandchildren.

Mary Linda Fitchett Elliott is a deputy clerk for the Northampton County Circuit Court. Her hobbies are gardening and reading.

Joan Fletemeyer Moyer and husband Bill have really traveled with Exxon. They have lived in five foreign countries, then Houston, Texas. They now live in Lewisburg, Penn., Bill's hometown, where Joan sings in the church choir and serves on the Board of Deacons. She leads Pioneer Girls, delivers Meals on Wheels and is active in PEO and AAUW. They have two children, John, 28, and Nancy, 22.

Ann Lou Ford Humphries has three children — Sally, 31, Scott, 30, and Stuart, 21. She started medical school with your class agent but subsequently developed severe rheumatoid arthritis and moved to Florida.

Mary Goode Croft married Bill Croft in 1983. She has three children — Samuel Young Jr., Linwood, N.J.; Virginia Young Underwood, Jacksonville, Fla.; and Marie Rebecca Young, University of Florida. Mary works as a recruiter and sales trainer in Orlando. Son Sam was a Navy pilot on the *USS America*. Daughter Virginia's husband, also a former navy pilot, flies with American Airlines.

Hermine Gross Fox rejoices that her children have finished college. Jenny, 26, is teaching in San Luis Obispo, and John, 23, is in Fukui, Japan, working as an English instructor at the J.B. American Club. Husband Kerry has been city attorney in Fullerton, Calif., for almost 18 years. Hermie enjoys sailing, antiques and genealogical research. She's discovered that Kerry and **Ann Chilton Power** are related via the Chilton line in the 1600s. Hermie sees **Judi Smith Hermanson**, **Corenne Slater Gray** and **Barbara Clark Fowler** in Southern California.

Jean Harris Overman has four children — Maryanne, 33, has three children and lives in Berryville, Va.; Lyn Jr., 31, Dale City, Va.; Jennifer, 24, West Palm Beach, Fla.; Davis, 19, Virginia Beach, Va. Jean has taught home economics for 18 years at Lake Ridge Middle School and has a master's degree from George Mason University. Her hobby is making quilts. Husband Lyn is a real estate appraiser in Northern Virginia.

Frieda Headley Byrd is a retired nursing administrator with five children and three grandchildren. She enjoys yard work, sewing, recording with her video camera and doing church work. Husband Nathan retired after 23 years as Baptist campus minister at Georgia Southern University. Earlier he was at U.Va., where Frieda received her nursing degree. Three of their five children are in active christian ministry or training for it.

K. Alice Huff is a professor of psychology and political science at Miami Dade Community College and is also a part-time real estate saleswoman. Alice's Ph.D. in higher education administration is from the University of Miami. Her son, Dean Dunwoody III, 29, a photographer, lives with his wife in Woodbridge, Va., and daughter Cindy Dunwoody-York, 28, Chicago, Ill., was promoted to regional team sales management for Motorola. Alice traveled in Europe for two months in the summer of '90.

Joyce Kelley Kellam is an eligibility intake worker in Onancock, Va., and has three children — Lloyd, 36, Kevin, 33, and Ellen, 27. She enjoys reading, knitting, walking, and spending precious time with her granddaughters.

Anne McCann Collier left MWC in her junior year, and in 1984 obtained a B.S. in social science from York College of Pennsylvania. She now is in real estate management, is a docent at Gates and Plough Museum Homes and is president of the garden club of York. She and husband Bill have three children and three grandchildren.

Josephine McPherson Heslep describes herself as an entrepreneur and has two sons — Mark Clifford, 29, and Donald B. Jr., 28. Jo enjoys gardening and swimming.

Yolanda Montano Delpin is a sales representative for furniture and decorative accessories. She has a son, Pedro, 30. Yolanda travels frequently to Europe and South America and visited MWC seven years ago, the first time since graduation.

Dixie Moore Anderson Kirby lost her husband, Charles, in March 1989 and reports that she was recently married to the Rev. Kirby. Dixie directs volunteer services at Maria Parham Hospital in Henderson, N.C. Her daughter, Walker, 33, lives in Raleigh with husband John Mabe and three daughters. Daughter Mary Hugh, 28, lives in Arlington, Va., with husband Cameron Lester. Daughter Peggy, 24, has her master's in textile engineering and is a process control engineer for Avondale Mills near Birmingham, Ala. Dixie's interests include choral music, boating, skiing, walking, tennis, golf and reading.

Ann Morrison Harris has a daughter, Cindy, 23. Ann serves on the board of directors of Child and Family Services, is a trustee for the First United Methodist Church in Liverpool, N.Y., sings in the church choir, chairs the church's commission on worship, and enjoys art, sewing, crafts and gardening.

Dean Murphy Gilmore has been married for 32 years. Son Carl, 31, has two girls, ages 6 and 8. Daughter Cindy, 30, is a nurse for Sentera Health Systems and son Christopher, 20, is a sophomore at East Carolina. Dean teaches part time at church and high school, enjoys sports, the "Y," art, and is an active member of Centenary United Methodist Church.

Anastasia "Buttons" Petro Molitor writes to say that she and husband Dick have three sons. Richard Jr. is a pharmacist who does infusion therapy. PJ is a paralegal who does computer programming in L.A. and is also a writer. Don is in the imagineering division of Disney. Buttons teaches Spanish and English at Eisenhower Senior H.S. in Yakima, Wash. Her husband is self-employed and has contracts with the U.S. government.

Elizabeth Poteet Pollard and husband Oliver have four children — Oliver III, a lawyer in Alexandria, Va.; Mary Mason Wood, a social worker in Richmond, Va.; John, an art student in San Francisco; and Ed, who works in New York City. Daughter Mary Mason has the first grandchild. Beth is busy with many organizations because she just "can't sit still."

Eleanor J. Pratt is a self-employed accountant who earned her M.B.A. from George Washington University. She "works all the time." **Cynthia Radack Madden** and husband Paul live in Andover, Mass., since Paul retired from the Army. They love winter and summer sports.

Page Richardson Coulthard is a media specialist for Marion Senior High School in Smyth County, Va. They have two children, Sharon, 29, and Rob, 32. Page likes to garden and do needlepoint.

Marie-Louise Rosanelli Metzger lost her husband in 1989. Her children are **Alison Metzger LaMura** '85, whose husband, **Ray**, graduated from MWC in 1986; **Donna Metzger Lontagne** '86; Joe, 29, Hampton Sydney '84, who was ordained a Roman Catholic priest after five years of study at the Vatican; and Stephen, 24, U.Va. graduate '89, married September '91.

Kay Saine Nuckols is into family genealogy in her place, known as Family Roots, Inc., in Tazewell, Va.

We learned that **Anne Saunders Addison** lost Buddy in 1980. They had three children. In 1989 she married Russell Scott and still lives in Richmond. They take long trips up the coast on their yacht.

Marilyn "Penny" Taylor Breckley is an audio visual chairperson for Manual High School in Denver, Colo., and is certified in floral design. Penny and husband Bob have lived in Denver since '65; both are '56 U.Va. graduates. Bob is a partner in an import-export firm. They have three children — Jeff, 33, David, 27, and Bob Jr., 22. Penny loves to travel, read, garden, and fiddle with electronic gadgets.

Angela Walton Barksdale lives in Petersburg, Va., and has four children. Daughter Muffie married lawyer Ross Newell and lives in Staunton; son Jeff lives and works in New York.

Nanalou West Sauder has taught history and government at Lexington High School since '70, and husband William is a professor of physics at VMI. She loves politics and public service. She has a four-year appointment to the MWC Board of Visitors effective July '90, is acting chair of the Governor's Job Training Coordinating Council, and is also on the Governor's Task Force for Workforce 2000 — a public/private partnership — what a busy woman! Their two children are **Anne**, 32, an MWC '80 graduate and Lee, 29.

Otelia Westbrook Harris is a retired home economist with the Virginia Cooperative Extension Service, and has a master's in education from VCU. She and husband Allen are retired and enjoying traveling, crafts and golf.

Claire Williams Parker and husband David have two children — David Houee Parker Jr., 30, and Kimberly Claire Parker, 28. Claire taught riding for 30 years, was a national judge for the National Riding Commission, and was national chairperson for the commission. She has had a life-long love for MWC.

Nancy Zimmerman Craven lives in Atlanta and works for Sprint. She has two children, both in the music field.

Finally, notes from your new class agent: I married Dr. Willys Monroe in October 1990. I have been a pediatric cardiologist, and have been an associate professor on the VCU-MCV faculty since '65, teaching and advising medical students, residents and fellows. I have two nephews, Randy, 22, and John, 19. Bill and I love to travel, and I love church singing, yardwork, sewing and volunteer work.

1958

Susannah Godlove
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Responses to the August 1991 questionnaire have come from California, Georgia, Maine, Virginia, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Minnesota, South Carolina, Kansas and Tennessee. Read on to learn what your classmates have been doing.

Judith O'Sullivan Milton wrote that she stopped working this past spring and is now finding time to do all the things she has put off doing. She is using her new-found leisure time to take a course in modern theater at a local college and take lessons in oil painting and bridge. In May, Judy and her husband, Russ, took a trip to Ireland, Scotland and England. Their twin sons live and work in the Los Angeles area, and daughter Heather will be entering her senior year at U.C. Santa Cruz in September.

Jerry Sample Stock called from South Carolina. She was excited about her trip to Australia in September. During the trip she was to demonstrate and teach smocking, a business that she has been in for a number of years. She continues as a member of the Smocking and Arts Guild. She was also scheduled to attend the Scottish Games in Atlanta in October. From her description of the games, it sounds like we should have our reunion there.

Joyce Lee Smith sent a long letter. She has been busy these past years. Joyce has an M.Ed. and continues to teach at Midlothian High School, where she is chair of the Science Department. Four years ago she sold the family farm and built a new home. That's what kept her from our last reunion, but she promises to attend in 1993. Her other interests include collecting antique dolls. She is the regional director of Region 11 in the United Federation of Doll Clubs. She visits and speaks to the 42 clubs in Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland and D.C. While at the Gaithersburg, Md., doll show and sale in December 1990, she found her suitemate, **Peggy Saunders Burroughs**. They got reacquainted, and this past summer Peggy invited Joyce, **Joyce Corbitt Faison** and **Jean Lee Anderson Chapman** for lunch. They were all home ec. majors at MWC. She reports they had a delightful time.

Barbara "Babs" Romoser Brock wrote that she had nothing exciting to report of recent date, however, she has retired from social work and family planning duties at the health department in Charlottesville. In 1989-90 she spent 6 months sailing with her husband on their 42' sloop to the Bahamas and back. They had hoped to leave at the end of October for a second cruise south, but boat problems have caused them to postpone their trip. She is enjoying her retirement.

Phyllis Spracher Murray reported that she has obtained an M.S. degree in biology education at VCU, and is still teaching. She has been married, divorced, and married again. She has two grandchildren and has enjoyed traveling in Europe.

Going to school is keeping a lot of us busy. In February 1991, **Patricia Ellis Archer** received an M.A. in education with a major in tourism administration from George Washington University. She reports she had a 4.0 average. She presented a paper at the New Horizons Conference (an international conference on tourism education) in Calgary, Canada, this past summer. She took a side trip to Banff Lake and attended the Calgary Stampede. Her daughter, **Heather Archer Mackey** '82, is expecting a baby in spring 1992. This will be Pat's first grandchild. Pat also reported that she has been divorced. She still lives in McLean, Va.

Mary Kay Martin Britto has obtained an M.S. degree in library science. She reports that her son, **Jamie** '89, is teaching ESL in Fairfax County. Her second grandchild, a girl, was born in June 1991. Mary Kay's youngest child is now 16. Her daughter-in-law, **Jennifer**, is a senior at MWC. Mary Kay is working as a children's librarian in Arlington County.

Patricia Roark Short is enjoying her retirement from Pittsylvania County, where she taught U.S. government for 29 years. She has recovered from the mild stroke that she had in December 1987. Patricia and her husband, Rufus, have been married for 33 years. They continue to live in Halifax. Their oldest daughter, Lisa, a production manager in Lynchburg, is a graduate of Radford University. Their other daughter, **Denise** '89, is currently living in Fredericksburg and working as an accountant with Sulton & Associates.

Nancy Richardson Lehew has been enjoying an interesting life in her field. She was Virginia Art Educator of the Year in 1989. Prior to that she studied in Venice 1985-86, New York in '87, Paris in '88, and the Kennedy Center — "Arts Dialogue-Soviet Union" in 1990. In 1991 she retired from teaching art in Warren County. Nancy, who is divorced, will be traveling, painting, and looking forward to becoming a grandmother in April 1992. Nancy also earned an M.S. degree.

More retirements — **Patty Hess Griffith**, after teaching physical science and biology for 28 years in public school, retired in 1991. She plans to travel now. Her daughter, Jill Phelan, a graduate of the University of Kentucky, lives in Lexington, and her son, Kevin, a graduate of Clinch Valley College in W.Va., lives in Hickory, N.C.

Lois Lambert Whaley is starting her third year as principal of the John B. Dey Elementary School in Virginia Beach, an assignment which she is enjoying. She and her husband, Tom, have plans to go to the Far East next spring. They like that part of the world, and they go there as often as they can.

Kay Ruth McMillan and her husband, Colin, could be called newcomers to the area, as they moved to the D.C. area after living in New Mexico for the last 30 years. Colin is an assistant secretary of defense for production and logistics. They have four children, two girls, two boys, and five grandchildren. Kay is doing some volunteer work now.

Sara Daly Rothenberger and her husband sold their hardware business this spring. She has spent this summer getting reacquainted with her home, finding things that have slipped through the cracks over the past 15 years. Sara and Jay have just returned from a trip to Maine. She is looking for a new job and a new work experience.

Betsy Webster Stanford continues to work as a real estate broker in Alexandria. She has remarried. Her husband, Roy Stanford, a dentist, shares her love for travel. They have just returned from their annual Bermuda snorkel-photography trip. They were to go to Budapest, Vienna, and Prague in October. Her son, James Leavitt, and Craigie live in Richmond. They have two children, whom she enjoys. Her daughter, **Susan Leavitt** '83, is working in the bond market in New York City. She sees **Elinor Runge Vitek** often.

Martha Kimball Hearn has moved from her large Victorian home to a "city home" in the old parts factory in Fredericksburg that was converted into upscale city homes. She says they love it. Their daughter, Arrington, got married in July and moved from Chicago to Charlotte, N.C. Their son, Mason, and wife Brooke live in Richmond. Martha's first grandchild was born in June.

Elinor Runge Vitek went to Fredericksburg in the spring to the garden club tour and visited with Martha. Elinor is about to venture to Australia to explore the Great Barrier Reef. She is taking scuba diving training to prepare. Elinor's daughter, Vicki, was married in July in Aspen, Colo. She had a great Rocky Mountain wedding, champagne brunch at the top of the Gondola and hot-air balloon video landing at John Denver's ranch. Great fun. She reminded me of our reunion in '93, so mark your calendars.

Ann Monroe Dinger lives near **Jane Crenshaw Avera-Baugh**, and they get together occasionally. Ann and her husband

travel a great deal in the U.S. and Europe. Their next trip will be to Bermuda in the fall. They have one grandchild and expect another one in December.

Joanne Parker Hearn is still in Hampton. She lost her husband, Ronnie, in November 1990. They had been married 33 years. Her only daughter, Lisa, and her husband, Tony, made her a grandmother in June 1991, a boy, Joshua.

Fay Purcell Parke from Clinton, Tenn., writes that she works as a high school counselor. Fay has earned an M.S. degree. Her three children all received degrees from the Univ. of Tenn. and are all married. She enjoys living in East Tennessee, about an hour from Gatlinburg.

Lucinda West Whiteford remarried in January 1991, and has moved back to Baltimore with her husband, Wilbur. Her official name is now **Lucy Whiteford Preston**. Lucy is looking forward to our reunion in 1993.

Nancy Doner Salmon is a substitute teacher in four schools in Sparta, N.J. She helps run a free Friday night concert series in the summer. She is active on committees in her church, AAUW, hospital auxiliary, and marine services. She says that in her spare time she likes to ski, play tennis, and go boating.

After living 29 years in Maryland, **Patricia "Patti" Yearout Wharton** and her husband, Ned, USNA '56, who worked for Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory, retired to Maine in 1989. They are living on Mount Desert Island adjacent to Acadia National Park. When Patti's twin sons reached their early teens, she went back to work, using her MWC liberal arts degree. She began a career in advertising and marketing that progressed to her final position as marketing director for a large, multi-state concern that provided a variety of health care services to the elderly. Now Patti says that time and energy is focused on completing the building of their home in Maine, with them doing most of the work. They are enjoying life and are resigning themselves to both sons and their wives and three grandchildren living in Alaska. After visiting them in June, she understands why they like it there.

Patti visited her roommate, **Nancy Lunsford Singer**, at her home in Fair Haven, N.J., earlier this year. They had not been together since traveling to the MWC 15th reunion in 1973.

Frances Karins Updike is presently teaching art to middle school and upper school students at the York County Country Day School. She has just completed a six-person invitational show, where she sold many paintings. Fran has spent the summer painting in oil and watercolors for a two-woman show at the York Art Association. She will be traveling to France in the spring with several art students.

She continues to enjoy country living on 90 acres, raising fleece sheep and using the fleece for spinning and weaving. With the last of the four children a senior in college, and two grandchildren, Fran and her husband are beginning to realize that retirement is about 10 years away!

Carolyn Foy Trela, who lives in Los Alamos, N.M., with her husband, Walter, a physicist, is a speech-language pathologist. She is the coordinator of special education programs at an elementary school in Los Alamos. Their two married daughters live in the Bay area in Northern California.

Meredith Busby Frank is currently commercial lines manager for an insurance agency that specializes in medical malpractice insurance. Her husband, Jim, is a partner in Landfill Alternatives, Inc., which recycles polystyrene. Their daughter, Helen, graduated from Northern Illinois University, is a disc jockey on radio, and has a TV talk show on a local channel in Chicago. She is moving in September to Richmond, Ind., to work for a radio station there.

Marianne Corriher Wilson lives in Clayton, Ga., with her husband of 35 years. She teaches music in a Christian school. Her daughter graduated from nursing school, so she has been helping with four grandchildren ages 7, 8, 11 and 13. Marianne also finds time to be active in the Auxiliary of Gideons International and has been elected Georgia state auxiliary chaplain.

Suzanne Doran Houser wrote that she had just participated in coaching the delivery of her third grandchild, a girl, Courtney Lynn Dobner. Sue works as a counselor at a crisis pregnancy center, teaches piano students, plays tennis, and is an office manager for Houser & Associates, a consulting firm. Sue also resides in Georgia.

Virginia Moseley writes that she is a caseworker for Mecklenburg County, N.C. She serves on the N.C. chapter of National Eligibility Workers Association.

Mary Lou Morris Wolsey has been married 26 years and has two children who were both born in 1968, a busy year. Her son, Roger, graduated from Macalester College and is an ethics/fee dispute assistant in a bar association. Her daughter, Carole, graduated from Lawrence University in 1990, married, got a job, and is interested in becoming certified in special education (ED/LD). Mary Lou has been busy. She obtained an M.A. in 1961 and her Ph.D. in 1972. She is an associate professor of French at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minn. Now she is enjoying the release of time, energy and stress from coordination of the French section in the Department of Foreign Languages. She works occasionally with St. Paul's Habitat for Humanity and the homeless shelter near downtown St. Paul. She visits Virginia about every three months looking in on three elderly relatives, including her mother, who lives in Farmville.

After 26 years in Minnesota, Wayne and Mary Lou bought a small cabin on a lake in western Wisconsin. They plan to have it ready for use in 1992, and she wonders if some Virginians will finally come to visit. Who knows? Mary Lou's academic experience includes seeing St. Thomas change from a college to a university, go from an all-male college of 2,500 to a co-ed university with 10,000 students. She says "Tis never boring."

I spoke with **Elizabeth "Betty" Gould Storms** in planning my annual visit to St. Louis. Betty and Bob are still living in Leavenworth, Kan., where both are employed. They welcomed their fourth grandchild, Brady David Ball, born this July to daughter Susan and her husband, David Ball. Betty has three granddaughters.

Thus far, I have received 29 questionnaires and two telephone calls. Responses received after the deadline will appear in a future issue of *MWC Today*.

1960

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1962

Nellie Peyronnet Drew
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1964

Susan Orebaugh Nicholson (Mrs. Gordon B.)
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Some of you heard my plea for news! This comes from **Susan Armistead Evageliou**, who lives in Coventy, Conn.: Susan is teaching fifth grade in Willington, and husband Harry is in the software business. Susan continues her major passion of dancing, taking ballet and aerobics. She teaches dance for a local high school and choreographs their musicals. She is also active in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America program. Harry bikes, including a trip across Montana with their son, George. Both of Susan's sons (Nick and George) are in college and have confided to their mother that as soon as they finish, she and Harry can retire and the boys will support them — great kids, eh!

Leslie Pack Hertzler and her husband, Gerry, will soon be grandparents, as daughter Carrie is expecting her first child. I'm not sure, Leslie, if you or anyone else in our class is old enough to be a grandparent. You must be the first in our class. Congratulations!

Barbara Kellam Latham is definitely not lost — the College always finds her, come contribution time! Barbara and her husband, Roger, have been in Geneva, Switzerland, four years. Roger works in research for Dupont. Her circle of friends is ever widening with all of them coming to Europe to visit — her! She has raised her rates at Chez Latham so Barbara can get some rest!

Barbara's daughter is a senior at MWC this year, and her other daughter graduated from William and Mary. Barbara has seen one of our missing classmates, **Carol Hogg Sorenson**. She transferred to Longwood after our sophomore year and graduated from there. She lives in Chesapeake, Va. Barbara hears from **Virginia Lucas Shearin** occasionally. Ginny still teaches Spanish at West Springfield High in Springfield, Va., and manages to travel to Spain on a regular basis. Barbara saw **Sophia Morgan Leacacos** '65, who is also living in Geneva. She has two young children, and she and her husband, Peter, have been living in Europe for 15 or more years. Thanks for the news update, Barbara.

Like all PBS stations, I continue my plea — only I don't want your money, just your news. Since many of you will hit that magic age this year, if you write to me I promise *not* to have a surprise birthday party for you and invite all your younger friends! Come on, send me some news!

1966

Katharine Rogers Leach-Lewis (Mrs. P.W.)
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Our class reunion during the weekend of June 1 was a great success. Forty-seven members of the class posed on the steps of Mary Ball Hall for the class photo, and several others joined us for the meeting, reception and other reunion activities. We had a wonderful time getting reacquainted and rediscovering a common bond.

Dr. Van Sant, our beloved class sponsor, was elected a member of the Class of '66, our only male!

Some of the local chapters of the Alumni Association are very active, and our class has been well-represented. Please include news of your alumni events when you write, and I will gladly pass it along to *MWC Today*.

1968

Margaret Livingston Asensio
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1970

Rochele Hc Hirsch
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The fun part of this job is connecting with people that I haven't talked to in years and finding out how interesting they are. I would ask each of you to call at least one person from our class you haven't kept up with for over five years, and then call or send a note to let me know what you learned.

I had a great time talking with **Candy Whitmer Collmer** in Ithaca, N.Y. She has been teaching biology at Wells College (small, about 400 students, with incredible community spirit) after doing research for the previous eight years on plant pathology. Her Ph.D. is from Cornell. She is teaching a wide mix of courses: freshman biology, genetics, molecular biology, microbiology, plus a non-majors course in biotechnology in society — a platefull. Son Alex, 17, is a soccer star, and daughter April, 13, is following suit.

Candy reports that **Cathy Haringer Christiansen** is in her second year of law school, lives in Vienna, and works at a law office. She has two daughters, one in college and a ninth-grader. Also, Candy says that **Dinah McGuire Douglas** is real busy with her two young children while working on a counseling internship in Charlottesville.

Another phone call found **Maria Vlattas**, one of our six physics graduates in 1970, living in Arlington with husband Ted Jenkins and three big dogs — a St. Bernard, Great Pyrennes, and a Newfoundland. I asked if she needed an extra room for the dogs, and Maria said they like the living room! Her two stepchildren, Mark and Val, lived with Maria and Ted through their teen-age years, and are now out on their own. Maria works for the Naval Technical Intelligence Center as a technical advisor and analyst in determining performance and sensor characteristics for acoustical systems, like SONAR. She really likes the work, and has been traveling more with the job. Maria's father died last May in a hospice environment in Hampton, and she, like many of us, has been processing her feelings and memories about family.

Kathy Abel Wiggins has three pregnant llamas now — hooray! She provided the following information.

Martha Moon Beck Etherington is the mother of two and lives in Richmond. She is not employed full time, but does her part in our community with the Historic Richmond Foundation and is a board member of the Massey Cancer Center at MCV.

Virginia "Judy" Winston has opened a retail children's clothing store, Kids Unlimited, in the Richmond suburbs and is happy as an independent business woman.

Elaine Wilson Maloney telephoned not long ago and has returned to Northern Virginia from Hawaii. Life as a Marine Corps wife seems to agree with her. She has two children.

Please everyone! Focus all of your positive thoughts on **Liz Vantrease** and **Regina DeLauder Solomon**. Both are battling serious illnesses; Regina is on a respirator. Anyone who would like an address can contact Rochele or Kathy.

Liz continues to break new ground. An excerpt from an August letter to friends reads: "Losing most of my muscle strength...has stripped me down to the bare essentials. Some people might wonder what could be left when all the roles are stripped away, but I have found, to my delight, there is still quite a lot left. We are a great deal more than our arms and legs and tongues, after all. I still feel whole." Thank you, Liz.

For me, besides my regular consulting work, I have two new projects. One is a board game, "The Next Step," that teaches cooperation skills. It is based on the Eastern processes and symbols that have helped enculturate cooperation in those societies for the past 4,000 years, and was developed by a friend of mine who studied with the Tibetans for 12 years. Also, I have started a program called "The Strategic Adolescent," designed for 13 to 14-year-olds. It's a jump start for kids in strategic management skills, covering goals and objectives on "health, wealth, beauty, knowledge, sociability and rightness."

1972

Emily A. Radford
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Planning for our 20th class reunion is well underway! Reunion weekend is May 29-31, 1992. In addition to the class party on Saturday, May 30, there are plans for a picnic, banquet, and other activities. Plan to come!

I had a great time catching up with **Kathy Atkinson Miller** and **Julia Obarski Simpson** when we met with the reunion class planning committee in Fredericksburg. We had a lot of fun looking through the yearbooks (all those bell bottoms!) to select pictures for the banquet slide show, and trying to remember what songs were popular when we were in college, so we could select music to go with the slides.

In addition to new MWC buildings, you will find that Fredericksburg itself has undergone a lot of restoration and other changes since 1972. After the meeting, Julie took me for a tour of the downtown, some shopping (yes — in Fredericksburg!), finishing up with ice cream at Carl's, a nice mix of the old and new.

Kathy came all the way from Spartanburg, S.C., for the reunion committee meeting, where she lives with her two daughters, 8 and 5, and her husband, who is the regional service manager for Waters Associates. Kathy has a graduate degree (dissertation and all!) in American civilization and plans to teach. The most important thing happening in Julie's life right now is the upcoming birth of her second child, due to arrive in September 1991. Her first born (that cute little fellow at our last reunion) is now 7 years old and really excited about it.

My two favorite "MWC kids" are also doing great. Matthew Gracey, son of **Nancy Dill Gracey**, won the science fair at his school and went to camp again this year to study in a special program at U.Va., while his sister, Caitlin, is attacking her studies as well (along with a wall during tumbling class), and has a few straight-A report cards (and a couple of stitches) of her own to show for her efforts.

Hope to see you at the reunion in May 1992!

1974

Margaret W. Hubbard
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Peg Hubbard has been busy this summer catching up with classmates **Carol Flaherty** and **Nancy Pederson Trzcinski**. Hubbard spent a weekend with Carol and boyfriend Sid in Cranford, N.J. By the time you read this, Carol will have completed her M.B.A. at Fairleigh Dickinson University — finally! Way to go, Carol! With degree in hand, Carol hopes to return to Virginia at some point.

Hubbard also saw Nancy and husband Hank when they attended a concert at Wolf Trap in Northern Virginia. They enjoyed an evening of music by Arlo Guthrie and Pete Seeger — talk about a flashback to the '70s! Nancy said that it was weird to see a gray-haired hippie. Matthew, their new baby boy, is a cute and wonderful baby, according to Hubbard and both parents. Of course, Hubbard is the more objective critic!

A letter arrived from **Sue O'Doherty**, who finished her coursework for a Ph.D. in clinical psychology at Adelphi University in the spring of 1991. Sue is now in the midst of a yearlong internship at the V.A. hospital in Durham, N.C., which will be quite a change from New York City where she has lived for 16 years. Sue and her husband, Bill Donnenberg, traveled throughout Virginia and North Carolina while she interviewed for internships. During their travels, they visited several MWC classmates, including **Peggy Marshall** and her husband, Jay Pulli; **Jennie Daffron Brown**, her husband, Larry, and their daughter, Hilary; and **Susan O'Connor** '73 and her husband, Mac Damron. Sue said it was great catching up with everyone — and it helped ease the

stress of interviewing to talk to old friends.

Mary Ann Schimmer married Norman DeRossett in June 1991. They are in the process of selling their respective houses and moving into their new home and are busy with landscaping, window treatments, changing addresses, etc. Daughter Stacy, 8, is very excited about moving to a lake. Earlier in the year, Mary Ann changed jobs and is now a Job Opportunities and Basic Skills (JOBS) social worker. Her job focuses on providing support to Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) recipients, which will allow them to obtain the education and training needed to break out of the welfare system. Mary Ann writes that her job is exciting and fulfilling.

Carol Bellomo became a first-time contributor to the MWC Class Notes (we have that effect on people) with a letter from Manville, N.C. Carol received her M.S.W. from Rutgers University in 1989 and is currently a clinical social worker at Irvington Mental Health Center. For the past three years, Carol has facilitated a weekly AIDS support group for the Hyacinth Foundation in New Brunswick on a volunteer basis. In the recreation department, Carol has played oboe for the past 10 years with the Somerset Valley orchestra; two years ago, she started playing oboe in the Rutgers Alumni Woodwind Symphony.

Patti Goodall Strawderman has cofounded the Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation (VBCF) as a result of her experience with a breast cancer diagnosis in December 1990. The VBCF is concerned about the epidemic of breast cancer (one in nine women will be diagnosed with breast cancer) and is actively promoting increased funding for research into the causes, prevention and treatment of this disease. On a more personal note, Patti is feeling fine, and her hair has returned — but it is coming in curly! Kind of strange for an old hippie who always had long, straight hair! She and Hubbard belong to the same fitness center and have been egging each other on to aerobics classes, where they reluctantly eye the 40-year-old category on the heart rate chart! How can it be, when it feels like only yesterday that we were at MWC?

Patti and husband Dennis recently enjoyed a weekend retreat, sans children, at the Inner Harbor in Baltimore. If you go, and it is recommended, plan on having a wonderful Italian dinner in Little Italy. Lunch with **Jonette deButts Hahn** was spent catching up with each other's lives, and the afternoon ended in a shopping spree (Jonette has really missed her calling as a personal shopper; she helped me choose some great outfits!). We agreed to get our families together sometime soon.

So long for now. Make a commitment to yourself to attend our 20th reunion in 1994.

1976

Judy Sledge Joyce
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1978

Elizabeth Somerville Hutchins
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Hello everyone! Please send me your news. Remember I have nothing to write if I don't hear from you! **Carol Mills** is beginning her 14th year teaching elementary music in Prince William County. Last year she received her M.A. from George Mason in music education. She writes that **Joni Joseph Owens** and husband Frosty have a new son. He joins Caitlin and Bobby. They are living in South Boston, Va. **Allen Nichols Scott** and husband Steve have Michael and Jamie Elizabeth and are living in Snow Hill, Md. **Pam Gardner Grumbles** '77 and her husband, Mark, added Annie to Kevin and Drew this year. They are on furlough from their assignment as missionaries in Costa Rica. They are temporarily living in Richmond.

Andrea Grenadier is living in Alexandria working at a non-profit group, Development Exchange, which works with public radio stations on their marketing and development efforts. She is still doing some free-lance writing and reviewing.

Winona Schlam Siegmund and Don had a baby girl in July. Congratulations, Nonie! **Stephanie Ailsworth Greenquist** wrote to catch us up on her life. In 1978 she moved to Virginia Beach and worked with children ages 4 to 12 as a counselor. In 1981 she married Terry, a pharmacist. They now have three children: Dylan, Andrew, and the newest addition, Avery Virginia. Stephanie has taken graduate courses at O.D.U. and plans to finish at Regent Univ. after the children are in school. They now live in Kempsville and welcome any MWC alumni who would like to visit Va. Beach.

Kim Barlow Hoffman is very active in the Fredericksburg Alumni Chapter. The chapter is always looking for cake-bakers to help with the birthday cake project. Anyone out there interested in helping?

Jean Ebner Gilbertson '79 and Mark are back in Alexandria. Mark is back at Naval Reactors, and Jean is caring for James, their new son.

1980

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1982

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From Nancy:

Well, the good news is I finally got a new job...after looking for so long, it was a job that just fell into my lap! I am still working for the Smithsonian, but for the National Museum of the American Indian. I'm doing administrative work similar to what I was doing at the Hirshhorn Museum but now with more responsibility. So far, so good, and when the museum is built in 1999 I expect to see you all there!

One of our class reunion coordinators, **Heather Archer Mackey**, asked me to add the following to class notes as a reminder of our 10th reunion weekend:

"OK, guys, it's been 10 years, and it's time to head back to the Wash for the party of the decade (so to speak). I can't believe it's been 10 years...it doesn't feel like 10 years...then again, maybe it does. Well, this reunion is a big deal, and the fun level is directly related, exponentially that is, to the number of people who show up. So put the date on your calendar: May 29-31, 1992 (No, it's not Memorial Day weekend!), and call your roommate(s) and friends to encourage their presence.

"Inexpensive and spartan accommodations can be found in the dorms (sorry, the Thunderbird is now a Best Western), where classes will be grouped together. The dorms will be co-ed for the weekend (can you imagine?) and spousal units are welcome to join you in the experience. By the way, for your buying pleasure, the Bookstore will be open on Friday and Saturday, just full of Mary Washington paraphernalia.

"The team of professional party givers handling the planning of your reunion weekend (me, **Nancy Kaiser**, **Debbie Rutledge Ochs**, and **Anne Reed Adams**) thought it would be nice to have a Friday night "opener" to get re-acquainted with one another. Problem is we don't have any money to spend, and we don't want anyone to mistake this for the official class party, which will be held on Saturday afternoon or the Last Hurrah on Saturday night. If you have any suggestions or comments, please let me know. I can be reached at home, (804)232-4810, or work (804)780-6313.

"We want this weekend to be fun for everyone and to provide us with enough memories to get us through *another* decade. So please, let me know what kind of 10th reunion you expect and call your buddies!"

Tara Corrigall gave me a news flash on a Russell second mini-reunion that she attended in Newport, R.I. (pre-hurricane Bob), that included sightseeing, beaching and catching up. **Kay Howard-Strobel**, her husband, Charles, and lovely daughter Hannah, 15 months, live in Charlestown, R.I., and hosted this event with neighbor **Jennifer Goodwin Donegan**, her husband, Brian, and their children, Meredith, 8, and Sean, 3, who have a temporary Navy assignment in Newport. Tara's former roommate, **Debbie Snyder Barker**, her son, Sam, 2, and Tara drove up from Virginia to Newport while **Annmarie Cozzi** drove up from New Jersey. All are well...Kay and Charles both work on water quality projects; Debbie is taking a hiatus from teaching; Jennifer and her family just finished a two-year tour in Annapolis and will move to Florida in December. Annmarie has been very busy with the N.J. attorney general's office and recently moved into a new townhouse. Tara is still working with Paine Webber, working a lot and having fun with the D.C.-Metro Chapter. She can't wait to see everyone at our 10th reunion!

1984

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1986

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1988

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Here's a quick look at what some of the Class of '88 are doing. **Lianne Wilkens Best** and her husband, Buck, are expecting their first child in January. Congrats! **Arlene Fierstien** was married on August 25. **Diana "Ria" Callow** was married to Brian Myers on September 28. Ria and Brian are residing in Manassas. **Jackie Peppers Frick** was recently married, also, as was **Kendel Paulsen**. Other marriages include **Mary-Hollis Lewis** to **Richard Jupe** '89 and **Holli Siegel** to **Brett "Yuri" Vaughan**. Holli and Brett are living in the D.C. area. Holli is employed as a regulatory affairs specialist by Social Scientific Systems, and Brett is a cartographer with the Defense Department.

Sandy Sturiale and **Matt Walsh** '89 got married in November after dating for over six years. Well, it's about time, you guys! Sandy is working for the Dept. of Defense as a computer analyst, and Matt is a police officer with the Baltimore County Police Dept. They also just bought a house outside of Baltimore.

Maria "Mia" Cavalca just moved from Charlottesville to Arlington and is teaching Italian. **Angela Forbes Woods** '89 and her husband, James, just had another baby girl in addition to their 3-year-old daughter. Angela is planning on going back to school and then on to medical school to become a pediatrician.

I ran into **Rusty Brown** at Adams Morgan Day. He is living in Fairfax and working with learning disabled children. **Lisa Barker** is also working with the learning disabled in Charlottesville.

I am still living in Arlington with my brother, **Todd** '91, and **Kristen Pedisich** '86, while working for the Genetics and IVF Institute in the Molecular Genetics Laboratory. I am also going to school part time, taking classes in genetics.

Hope to hear from more of you soon.

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From Julie and Kristin:

Suzanne Baughman Stevens was married in July 1991 and teaches elementary education in Spotsylvania. **Laura Kenyon** and **Leslie Flowers** are also teaching elementary education in the Fredericksburg area, and Laura is the head of the gifted and talented program. She is living in Belmont Apartments with **Monica Rowan**, who is the director of volunteer services at MWC Hospital, and is planning a trip to Mallorca! **Katharine White** is teaching in Fairfax and is engaged to be married.

Heidi Leiffer Kay is married and working in Hampton as a counselor. Also in the Hampton area is **Dawn Watkins**. She is working for a military newspaper selling advertisements throughout the Tidewater area. Also on the married list are **Tamara Houchen Crittenden**, **Billie Jean Kemp Pickford**, **Beth Johnston**, and **Brad McDonald**. Tammy was married a week after graduation, moved to California and is working as a counselor. Billie Jean was married in the summer of '91. Beth and Brad married each other soon after graduation and live in Virginia Beach. **Julie Pulley Grey** was married in February 1991 after her fiance was recalled to active duty. She is applying to nursing schools and living next door to **Kristin Flowe** in Fredericksburg. Kristin is in her second year coaching debate for MWC.

Thomas McMahon is attending George Washington University Law School, and **Diane Himmelheber** is also in graduate school working toward her doctorate in psychology. **Pollyanna Bryant** is abroad in France attending an international space science school. **Georgia Heneghan** and **Amy Miller** have taken permanent positions with their internships. Georgia is a reporter for *The Free Lance-Star*, and Amy is working for the local television station. **Hope Green** and **Sharon Peck** are roomies in Richmond. **Stephanie Cappetta** is also in Richmond and working for Central Fidelity (the last we heard from her!). **Amy Mann** is living in North Stafford and working for Macy's in Springfield.

It's been a busy year for the Class of '90, and we would love to hear from our classmates about any new developments. Send information to the above address for either Julie or Kristin.

From Rich:

Well, I hope all is well with each of you and your lives are on the way up. It was great to see so many of you at Homecoming back in October. It's hard to believe it has been almost two years now. Before you know it, we'll be ready to retire and have dorms named after us! I also hope all of you have received your yearbooks by now. They are long overdue!

It has been great to hear from so many of you. Since we last spoke, a lot has happened in the lives of the Class of '90, and there is only one word to summarize those events: success!

Elise Annunziata is still working for the law firm of Arent, Fox, Kinter, Plotkin and Kahn, and is now a litigation paralegal in Washington, D.C. She has postponed going to law school and is considering an environmental studies graduate program. **Kimberly Ayers** is living in Los Angeles, Calif., and is working for a computer company. She is engaged to Kyle See. **Doug Blair** is living in Alexandria, Va., and working as a computer programmer for a defense contractor.

Sean Dargan is living in Fredericksburg and performing throughout the Fredericksburg, Washington, D.C., and Northern Virginia area. He has just released his first album. Wait until you hear his new hit, "Road Pizza"! He will be opening for U2 on their upcoming tour! He is also currently directing the language lab for the College.

Mary Hellen Dellinger is living in Fredericksburg and is the curator for the Fredericksburg Area Museum. **Kimberly Everett** was married in November to Mark Bell in Stafford, Va. They are now living in Blacksburg, Va., where her husband is studying to be a veterinarian.

Brooke Fillmore is still living in Richmond, Va., and is a marketing representative for Aaron Rents Furniture. **Patricia Fox** married Kirk Taylor in October, and she is working for a public relations firm in Washington, D.C. **Susan Griggs** is living in Fredericksburg and working at an area preschool. **Beth Gross** was married in October to David McKinney in Fredericksburg and is still working for the Rappahannock Community Services Board.

Jennifer Harned is living in Alexandria, Va., and working as an assistant press secretary for a congressional office on Capitol Hill. **Michelle Hedrick** is the manager of the post closings department for the Tysons Title Insurance Agency and is living with **Marya Kravets**, a copy writer for Response Dynamics in Vienna, Va.

Julie Kelly is working for an insurance company in Charlottesville, Va., and is living in Fredericksburg. **Matthew Malvaso** is living in Alexandria and working in Washington, D.C., as a computer operator for the Department of State.

Mike Michalowicz is in the process of completing his application for the Drug Enforcement Administration as an agent. He is still living with three women and his clothing is from the catalogues of "Miami Vice"! **Karen Miranda** was married to **Mike Avis** '89 in Alexandria in September. **Steve Paul** is living in Phoenix, Ariz., working as a golf tournament planner for one of the country's largest golf associations. **Mary Priestland** is living in Alexandria and is working for *USA Today* in Arlington.

Page Smith is the payroll manager with Westfield International Conference Center in Chantilly, Va. She is still living with **Mike Michalowicz** in Vienna. **Elizabeth Woodcock** just completed another summer managing the entertainment at King's Dominion. She is in her second year at VCU studying art history.

Jennifer Payne was married in December 1990 to Jack Jensen of Prophetstown, Ill. They currently live in the Chicago area. Jennifer is the assistant women's basketball coach at Elmhurst College and is searching for a head coaching job. **Patricia Hicks** is teaching second grade in Hanover County. She is rooming with **Andrea Carnes**. **Stephanie Brill** is working as a customer service representative for Brendle's in Roanoke. **Tracey Webb** is living in Reston and working for a computer software company. **Christy Mottley** is the

public relations director for Southwest Memorial Hospital in Farmville.

As for me, I am a program analyst for IDEA, Inc., with NASA's Office of Commercial Programs in Crystal City and have submitted my application to be an astronaut! Just think — more Republicans in space! I currently live in Arlington, Va., and would love to hear what you are doing now! You can call me at 703-521-7146 or write me. I hope all is well with you, and I look forward to hearing from you in the coming months. Best wishes for continued success.

In Memoriam

We extend our sympathies to the families and friends of the deceased.
Idalia Bland Minnigerode '18
Winnie Davis Carter Henshaw '21
Julia H. Burton '24
Elsie Clark '34
Martha Epes Deane '37
Edith Whitley Day '40
Jean Delaney Chappelle '42
Florence B. Rawlings '42
Martha Smith Granum '50
Consuelo Amina de Choudens-Sanchez '55
Mary Cosby Colley Alexander '57
Emma Tinken '57
Jane Toye Laurson '61
Nancy La Roe Monkman '64
R. Sue Millar Hoffmann '86
Kurt F. Leidecker, professor emeritus of philosophy

Condolences

We extend our condolences to those who have recently lost loved ones.
Judy La Roe Hare '61, who lost her sister.
Maria Vlattas '70, who lost her father.
Patricia A. Pugh '84, who lost her father.
Patricia Reinhardt '85, who lost her father.

Births

Congratulations to the following alumni:
Pamela Gardner Grumbles '77, on the birth of a daughter.
Stephanie Ailsworth Greenquist '78, on the birth of a daughter.
Joni Joseph Owens '78, on the birth of a son.
Allen Nichols Scott '78, on the birth of a son.
Winona Schlam Siegmund '78, on the birth of a daughter.
Jean Ebner Gilbertson '79, on the birth of a son.
Karen Swisher Castanes '87, on the birth of a son.
Georgann Mastorakis Nevlud '87, on the birth of a daughter.
Angela Forbes Woods '88, on the birth of a daughter.

Kurt F. Leidecker
1902-1991

Kurt F. Leidecker, professor emeritus of philosophy, and founder of the Thomas Jefferson Institute for the Study of Religious Freedom, died Nov. 17 at Mary Washington Hospital. He was 89.

Dr. Leidecker, who taught philosophy at the College from 1948 until his retirement in 1973, was a longtime benefactor of the College and promoter of stronger ties between the College and community.

He developed a strong Asian studies program at the College that reflected his life-long efforts to promote understanding between American and Oriental cultures. When a testimonial dinner was given by the school's Oriental Club to honor Dr. Leidecker upon his retirement, dozens of scholars, statesmen and religious leaders came from out of town to pay tribute to him.

Visiting Asian dignitaries, including groups of saffron-robed Buddhist leaders, frequently visited Leidecker's house through the years, making it a unique place in a small Southern town. Dr. Leidecker had an ongoing friendship with the Dalai Lama. They spoke together, corresponded, and met in Washington, D.C., on visits throughout the years.

The house contains numerous Oriental artifacts obtained by Dr. Leidecker during his travels throughout the world. In the yard is an Oriental garden that was designed and maintained by Dr. Leidecker.

Gentle and soft-spoken, he originally became a vegetarian during World War I in Europe, because there was no meat available. Later in life he continued as a vegetarian, adopting the philosophy that no living creature should be sacrificed for the sake of another.

Rabindranath Tagore, the mystical Indian Poet who won the Nobel Prize for literature in 1913, once called Dr. Leidecker "the kindest man I ever met."

Intellectually, Leidecker shared the thinking of such historical figures as Jefferson, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Walt Whitman and the Buddha, all of whom placed value on self-development and believed, said Leidecker, in "trying to realize the larger whole through one's own thinking, way of living and behaving."

Born in 1902 in Gera, Germany, Dr. Leidecker arrived in America on Christmas Eve at the age of 19. With him were two suitcases, a bicycle and a trunk full of books.

He became a U.S. citizen in 1927 and earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Oberlin College, where an uncle was a faculty member, and his doctorate from the University of Chicago.

Dr. Leidecker's specialty was Oriental thought, particularly Vedic philosophy and Buddhism, as well as the cultural and intellectual relationships between the Orient and the West.

He was the author of numerous books and scholarly articles, including textbooks on Sanskrit and scientific German and a definitive biography of American educator and philosopher William Torrey Harris. His work also included a translation of a work by Paracelsus and translations of unpublished letters by Friedrich Nietzsche and existential essays by Martin Heidegger.

Dr. Leidecker in 1988.

During World War II, Dr. Leidecker compiled a two-volume German-English technical dictionary for the U.S. Air Force and served as head of the dictionary unit in London and at Wright Field in Dayton, Ohio. The dictionary was used by former German rocket scientists whom he helped recruit to the U.S. during the closing days of World War II. Those scientists, working with Americans, helped to begin the U.S. space program.

During the 1950s, he was a Fulbright Scholar in India, where he researched Indian philosophy and studied Buddhism, Jainism, and the Parsee religion. He also served as a cultural affairs consultant for the U.S. Embassy in Thailand.

Dr. Leidecker was also a lecturer under the State Department's specialist program in Germany and an instructor in the Foreign Service Institute and the Peace Corps.

In 1974, he founded the Institute for Religious Freedom in Fredericksburg to commemorate the creation of the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom. The statute, drafted in Fredericksburg by Thomas Jefferson in 1777, was later forged into the U.S. Constitution. The principle served as "a beacon to the people of Europe," Dr. Leidecker said.

The institute arranged to have a Religious Freedom monument moved to a more prominent location on Washington Avenue, where an annual observance is now held. Dr. Leidecker wanted the statute, which Jefferson considered to be among his three greatest accomplishments, to be remembered and understood by Americans.

"Jefferson meant tolerance of all, not merely Christians but Muhammadans, Hindus," he said. "We should do what we can to alleviate the strife between religious opinions. And it extends not merely to religion but to intellectual freedom."

Dr. Leidecker and his late wife, Elsa von Müller, arranged to donate their home on lower Caroline Street to the College, which plans to sell the property to further its programs.

"His generosity will likely lead us to start Asian studies that we don't have right now," MWC Vice President for College Relations Michael Dowdy said. "We will be establishing a Kurt F. Leidecker chair in Asian Studies."

In recent days, Dr. Leidecker was busy helping to set up the endowment and was cataloguing his library and Oriental collection for the College's use. Most recently, he was named a member of the board of directors of the Mary Washington College Foundation.

He was the recipient of numerous awards in recent years, including the Washington Medal for meritorious service to the College, and the Daughters of the American Revolution's Medal of Honor.

By Daryl Lease '85 and Larry Evans. Reprinted from *The Free Lance-Star.*

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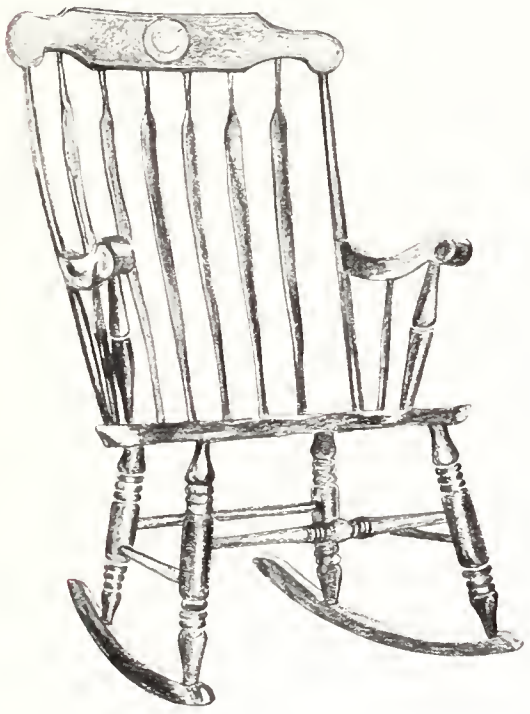

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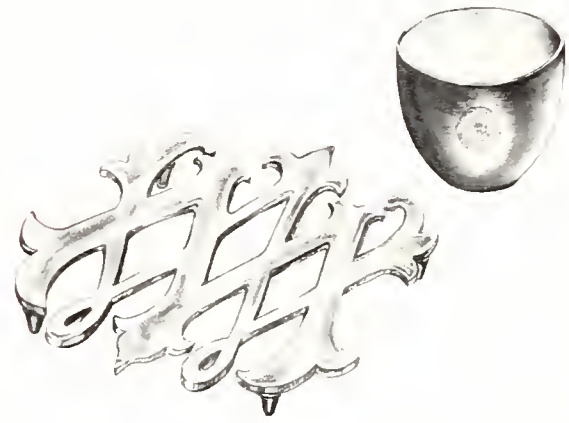

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